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1st day 13th Called at Mothers and at the Post Office before Meeting — Rode to the Sch Street Mg in the forenoon, and to the 11th St. in the afternoon at the close of the latter I went by appointment to meet Mr Chace H at Mothers — and Haid to assist in removing her back to her bed — I learned at Meeting that Wm Taber, one of the heads of the Wilburites, who was absent from his place, was confined by ill health from the debility of advanced age — which gave his friends apprehensions that he may not out live much longer

2d day 14th Removed some time at home looking over the papers which came in my absence — afterwards called at Mothers and went to the Cy Room to resume my duties there after the Suspension consequent on my Shirley visit — at home to late tea — found Bro. Wm here who stayed till the close of the evening

3d day 15th Went to Geo. Hart's Shop again but he had not returned — afterward at the Cy House &c — Called a few minutes at Mothers in the afternoon found her sitting in her Chinese chair amusing herself with her needle — then to the Cy House till dark and afterwards at home, bringing up my arrears of the Daily News — Had a call from Geo Hart about my Mutt Notes for which I have been negociating with him for the year past — We are to have another interview tomorrow —

4th Day 16th Went to the R. R. Station before breakfast to get my list of Tickets — for which I paid on going last to Shirley — and to furnish Edwd with one of them — who left this morning for Boston and returned this afternoon — Saw Geo Hart at my Cy House — but did not come to a positive agree

Mrs are to have another interview tomorrow which I hope will result in a bargain — Called at mothers and devoted the remainder of the day to my Ch House duties &c — in the ev Called with ma chere H. at Gro. Hussey's and saw their Children or 3 of them in their costumes for the Fancy Party at C H Morgans to-morrow ev — which had been quite elaborately prepared & were very rich and tasteful

5th Day 17th Attended to my Ch House duties — and business incidental thereto made deeds for my Sd Water Lot — and saw Thos. Mandell at the instance of Gro. Hart — He was less prompt than on the occasion of his Speaking to me a few weeks since but he did not decline but wanted time to consult with Co. H. &c. Called at mothers in her pasture — at home in the ev with ma chere H & sister — The Children at Berry Morgans Fancy Party

6th Day 18th Engaged at the Ch House the most of the day Called at mothers after dinner — ev at home after a late Supper, detained somewhat by Dunlap relating to the use of my Screw — ma chere H. retired early in consequence of a headache — The Children also on acct of their late visits yesterday — I went to the Post Office late in the ev

7th Day 19th Spent the day chiefly in attending to my usual business at the Ch Room &c — Called at mothers — and the latter part of the afternoon rode to the farm of the late Rowland Rider — who died about a month since — at the instance of his widow Sholding a foreclosed mortgage as Executor on the place — She is a good old Lady of 72 and desires to continue on the premises and in the old house where she has lived 54 years with her good husband — in preference to being an inmate in the families of either her Son or her daughter — and on the presumption that it was too soon

after her bereavement for her to come to a decision as to what will be most agreeable to her - I left her with the understanding that she might take the time between this and Autumn to decide the question as to the future - On my return stopped at Sister Sarahs to tea where were Mr Chase & and daughter

1st day 20th - Went to the Post Office & to mothers after breakfast - they are now without a nurse, they having sent C. Reynolds home yesterday - and were disappointed of the one that Sister E. S. the had engaged to supply her place - I think they have managed unwisely in giving up a very competent hand for the uncertainty of one untried - they will now endeavor to get Mary Dolby again - who supplied the place of the last while temporarily absent - and had before served them very satisfactorily till she was taken sick. - till another who is engaged for next Mo. shall be ready to take her station - I was at the Spg. St. Mg. A. M. & Pub. - the Rev. Mr Snow was at Grace Church, and here to tea - Frank continued with a cold, probably the effect of his change of diet the day of the Fancy Party at his Uncle Charles' - Annie Miller was also with us at tea and for the eve - I attended her home and went to the Post Office

2d day 21st Occupied by my business at the Co. House &c. had a call from Edm? Gardner in the Ev. J. Darby on Wholly at the instance of Capt. S. Wilbur of whom he aided me in borrowing some money in 1851

3d day 22d had in part a very anxious day on acct. of a disappointment at Bank - made preparation to go to Canton & Shirley tomorrow - called several

4 times at mothers and to take leave of her in the ev'g
4th day 23d left in the early train for Canton and Spent the day with Ellis Jones atty on the St. mill controversy - till near the time of the arr. of the Cars for Medford - to which place it was found to be advisable for me to return to make further preparation for the bill in equity - and I returned accordingly -
Our Son, Thos, arrived this ev'g from Bloomsburg just before I started - for a short visit - I called at mothers in the ev'g but found her asleep -
5th day 24th Rose early - and taking breakfast before the family repaired to the Lg House for the Statement required by Mr. Jones - and continued the work with only necessary intermissions till late in the ev'g - Dining at home with our children and Thomas & Francis brides sheet - and taking my ev'g meal at mothers - She being asleep I did not see her - they have a small and uniform household at present - no nurse - Sister Eliza with a bad sore throat and no Cook & Martha almost worn out with mental anxiety and bodily exertion - her physical powers being slight at best - I was at home before our annie had departed - Lizzie left early on acct. of her cold - Jno Hunter was here to see Thomas - This is my Sixty first

anniversary — Time flies and the troubles and joys of this life will ere long be over with me and others of approximating years — May this conviction be often present to allay all immoderate emotions — and induce a constant watchfulness which shall prevent unnecessary pain from the passing occurrencies of this brief Period — and especially to refrain from any acts or omissions which might give pain to others or be the subjects of Self reproach — Thus Striving to live while we live with a clear conscience towards God & Man.

6th day 25th Rose early and went to the Store before breakfast — to forward my job on the St. Mill accounts — and worked there with only the usual intermissions for meals & tea night — Called a few minutes as mothers after dinner and had Thomas' lovely Annie at tea —

7th day 26th Spent after an early breakfast in the Cg room and continued my work, with only necessary intermissions through the day completing the first division and preparing it to go by the mail to Ames, covering 18 long pages — got home to a late supper and remained there for the rem.r of the evg — Dr. Abbie Called — and Annie Wiles [illegible]

1st day 27 Called at Mothers after breakfast, and met Andrew there who arrived this morng from Philadelphia

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he seems quite well — Sister Eliza is somewhat relieved from her sore throat, — I was at meet^g A M & P M at the Spring St. House, at home the rest of the day. Read in the bible & the late published memorials of 2 friend of this Yearly Meeting Jones & Sophronia Page which are instructive, exemplifying the consolations attendant on the path of the devoted Christian and the sustaining faith which can illumine the portals of the tomb — It mattering not as to the diversities of creeds if the heart is intent on following with filial fidelity the light with which we are favored, through the instrumentalities which our opportunities and position afford. — looked over one of the Boston papers which my engagements prevented my reading last week.

2^d. day 28^th Returned again to my work preparatory to the legal appeal for an adjustment of the Steam mill Concerns — Returned about 8 in the ev^g — and Called on Gw. Hussey & Wm Haines relative to guaranteed paper falling due — Thomas and his bride elect are on a visit at Petersham this afternoon & Eve^g

3^d. day 29^th Occupied at the Office most of the day & ev^g. Somewhat troubled in money matters by failing of a dep^t at Bank — wrote letters at home and went to the Depot forward. took supper at mothers and saw Eliz^a

Fisher — whom I had not seen before — returned after to my work with reference to the St. Croix controversy — found Annie Miles here on my return home — Mother was a little alarmed by a slight chill and had D Rotch in the Eve — he thought it was occasioned by the omission (not unusual) to warm the bed on her leaving her chair & perhaps to more than usual excitment from Visitors through the day

4th Day 30th. Took an early breakfast, and made a long call at mothers on my way to the Cg House — where I sedulously applied myself to the St. Croix account; without completing — took supper again at mothers, and returned from the Cg House between 9 & 10 — Our Children at Cousin Sarah Arnolds Musical Party

5th Day 31st. Spent the day mainly at my Accts. as Treas. of the St. Croix Cg. — and took my book to the house at its close — to continue my work there in the wife & children being absent at Geo. Hussey's at the Semi Monthly Party — I continued my job to its completion notwithstanding the conflagration of Sanford & Howland Oil Works which broke out about 9 o. Clock — The infirmity in my knee disqualifying me for much Physical exertion I thought it useless for me to be on the Spot early and to the East, as would otherwise have been my choice — having completed my work I went to the Post Office to deposite my letter for Canton and went to the Scene of the excitement — The efforts of the firemen had succeeded in confining the fire to original premises and the Lumber yard of Wm Wilcox immediately contiguous — a considerable quantity of lumber and his main building being saved the former more or less damaged — while the larger portion of the lumber — the building containing his small lumber and most of his Wheat were destroyed — as nothing required my presence I returned and retired to bed about 2 — Our Sons having returned somewhat earlier

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6th. day 4th mo. 1 Rose with the hope of being able to leave home for Shirley in the mid Day train but the financial arrangements - on which this movement depended could not be made I therefore applied myself to the current duties at home - Annie Miles was with us at Dinner and - all of us except sister Phoebe were at a party made by sister Sarah for Annie in the evg. when the Perry fam. & our immediate connections were assembled

1st day 2. Engaged in my usual business duties Rode to & Pelh - Frank Gunnell was with us at Dinner and Annie Miles at tea - Bro. William had a telegraphic despatch from Boston stating that his son Alfred's situation, who has been several weeks ill with inflamatory Rheumatism was considerd critical - in consequence he an Edw.d Ellen took the Cars this afternoon - & we shall await their report with anxiety

1st day 2d. Went to the P. Office before meeting and called at mothers - Meeting A M & P M at Spring St. at the close of the latter called at Wm. S Evans Mary Gifford & Sarah Hammitt - at mothers in the evg to take leave expecting to go tomorrow to Shirley but found her asleep. Stopped some time with, Conversing with Rebecca Elizabeth - My reading the bible and extracts of the semi Weekly news -

2d day 3d. left in the early train for Shirley Stopped at Canton to see Mr. Ames - finding nothing to detain me I took a walk in the Village & Environs, and made an inspection of the Canton Cotton Mill which was started by A Roberson & is now under the management of my nephew Wm. - the latter was not there but - the Superintendant showed me over the establishment - which on a light coarse Printing cloth is doing extremely well for the owners - Took the mid day train

2d 12 and called at A. Patterson & boi & at the 9
C.J. Room of Wells & Minot — but found no one in
at thirty 6 a Oclk — & passed the ev. at the Office
3d day 4th Spent the day at the Factory Office
4th day 5th Engaged at the Co. Accounts — except
the hours of meals & Sleep[ing] at the Inn. where as here-
tofore I am made quite Comfortable by Mr & Mrs Fales
had an accidental interview with Elder Groves
and Nutting & Parsons — in the Street — who showed
a desire to have an amicable adjustment of
our differences. but without making any proposition
5th day 6th — Contin[ue]. my attention to the Shirley
Accounts till Noon — and then proceeded to take
the train to Boston — This being Fast day the mills
are stopped and business in Boston generally sus-
pended — In my walk through Boston I did find
none of my acquaintances, Called at Aunt Potch's
residence but she & her Sister were both out —
left Boston in the 4 a Train and was home in about
2 hours finding all well as usual
6th day 7th. Resumed my accustomed occupations
at the C.J. House. Made particularly anxious by
the financial pressure w[hi]ch now prevails in this and
the larger places — so that much difficulty is expe-
rienced by men of large property and business. — how
much more so then in my crippled condition may I
not fear — since I can no longer sustain myself
with the pay[men]t of high interest abroad — Called twice
at Mothers — and in the ev[enin]g after tea with Bishop
Eastburn & a few of our friends including our daughter in law
Mrs Dear Annie being one of the Candidates for Confirmation
we went to the Church. and witnessed this touching cere-
mony performed on her and about a dozen others — The
House was well filled and I hope the occasion will be prof[itable] to
many.

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7th Day 9th Rose early & repaired to the Cg House with reference to my financial difficulties which in the present Stringent State of the Money Market are particularly oppressive — and only through the extra Official kindness of two members of different boards of Bank Directors did I avoid a protest — called at mothers and was at the Cg House in the aft. to prepare a Document for Fall River — and was detained from home in procuring a legal acknowledgment till the close of the eve.

1st Day 10th Attended Meeting at Spring Street House in the day, and in the eve. went to the Unitarian to hear Dr. Gannett, with whose Sermon I was instructed & gratified — called at mothers in the morng and at C. H. Morgan's to see Wm. & Saml. Fox the latter being the husband of Mary Fisher — who came to accompany Eliz. Fisher home. Saml. Fox called at our house in the Eve. and Annie Miles was here at tea — read in the bible in the morning and in a little volume of Poems by an invalid daughter of Eli Lewis — "Night Watches" which breath a truly Christian Spirit as well as show some poetic talent

2d. Day 11 Went early to mothers to see my niece Eliz. Fisher to the Cars if not otherwise provided, but she had left with Sister Eliza & C. H. Morgans to go at the same time as Wm. & Saml. Fox — I devoted myself to the duties of my position at the Cg House & called to see J. R. Perry about the Payments for the Coy now at hand and for which I am unprovided, owing to the pressure in the money

market — at home in the eve.

3d day 12th Rachel H & daughter Lizzie went to Boston in the early train the former for a little Change and to accompany Sue & Lizzie Hussey who went to consult a Dentist. I was occupied with reference to my pecuniary matters and other duties — Sister Susan Spent the day with us and Bro. Benj. came to take her home in the Carriage he also took Lizzie home as it rained — She was with us at tea — She with the others having returned from Boston in the afternoon Cars — The accts from Alfred this eve. are perhaps a little more encouraging — Martha Whalen who has been some months the devoted assistant and Caretaker as Mothers left them this afternoon her usefulness not being adequately appreciated by Sister Eliza who influenced her mother to undervalue her also — A nurse named Boomer supplies her place. One of the Horse chestnut trees which was planted by my Grandmother in her garden and was removed with it to this on the Association by my Aunt Mary of a portion of the ground to the premises of the Seamens Society, to our front yard one being planted N E of the other at the N W angle of the house — after being severed from their three natural ingraftings, as the wots — was this day cut down by our son Frank biz that at the N E corner of the house, it having died last year — its growth for the first ten years was more rapid than the other, but since, probably from the less favorable position for moisture — it has been less vigorous till its vitality became extinct — The other now remains to be associated with my Grandmothers memory and the occasion of its removal from Site where her hand deposited the seed.

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Occupied at home some time in repetting the parlor lamp — it having been for the last two days in the care of my dear Susan who cannot be expected to attend to it in so prompt a manner as I have been in the habit of doing — Called at mothers after dinner and was at the Cg House till near 8 Oclk. partly to be able to take the letters from the mail — afterward. at home

5th day 14th this day at the business hours, it has been almost exclusively spent in providing the means by borrowing &c to meet a engagement for the Phoe. Manf Coy in Boston tomorrow — my own means being unavailable. I had to depend on others — and found much difficulty in making up the required amount — Called, after effecting the object, and delivd the amt to the Boston Express, on Edw. Mott Bay &c. to get his name to a note in renewal for Sp. Coy. of which he is a member — he is confined to his bed with a bile — returned home at tea time and remained there, not having been to the Cg Room to day. Called at mothers, as well as at other places partly for the furtherance of the object in hand — to which Mr & Sister Elvira both rendered some aid

6th day 15th Chiefly at the Cg House. Called at mothers at home in the eve. Alonzo Johnson and Abby Hussey and Annie & Lizzie being with us at tea —

7th Day 16th Attended to my Cg House duties &c had an interview with Jos. B. Congdon Cash: of the Merchants Bank touching my guaranteed paper — the Bank declining to go further as the term of the arrangement is ended — Explained to him the present condition of the guaranteed liabilities — and he requested a com: to the board touching my wishes for the future Called to see Jos. C. Dreland Jos. H. Barker two of the guarantors — called also to see Mrs Jos. A Howland touching the lot occupied by my Furnace & Hay Scales — at the Cg Room afterward. Eve after the opening of the mail at home

1st Day 17th A N.E. Rain Storm — attend meeting at the Spring St. House in the day and went to hear the young assistant Minister of the Unitarian Society, Mr Lowe who gave an interesting discourse on Faith — read in the bible Selden's Table Talk and the Living age — went twice to Mothers to aid in moving her — but at night the grand sons made way & Ch. Jesus Superfluous — Our Susan & Frank with myself were the only representatives of the family at meeting — the congregations were all small in consequence of the weather

2d. day 18th Looked over the paper and read an article on Saul of Tarsus in the Living age beside my usual reading in the bible before going to the Lighthouse where I was occupied the rem.r of the day — at home in the Eve — Martha Whalin was with us at tea

3d. day 19th Devoted the day to my business at the Lighthouse called as usual at mothers — who continues much as of late, daily taken in her chair to the parlor and towards eve. back to her bed — Wm. Wm brings favorable accounts from Hazel — Chs Randall called this eve as our house

4th. day 20th Rose early and remained at home most of the forenoon in making Calculations relative to the Guarantors of my Deeds — Six of whom I hope to relieve from their liabilities for me — devoted the afternoon at home & the Lighthouse to similar occupations — Voted for the Aldermen for whom — Similar elections have failed & with the same result — another trial under the Warrant of the old board of Aldermen will be made tomorrow — the successful election of 3 Councilmen in the third Ward will prevent the ascendancy of the Coalition party in the administration the municipal affairs for the Current year which is a very gratifying result I was at Mothers at tea leaving to go to the Q Room afterward to finish my work called on Ch. Morgans & went to Wm. W.m's but he had retired

5th. Day 21st. Occupied at home, & at the Co House & with reference to my financial arrangements, Completed the transaction with Corthell — went to the RR at the starting of the N.Y. train, and saw bro Benj: wife & daughter and cousin Anna Rotch who arrived to day from cousin Eliza Farnam's. set off for a visit to Phila Anna Dresser was also of the party — Aunt Nancy Rotch was with us at tea. and I made a call on Edw. C. Jones & Jos. Grinnell, and attempted to see Wm C. Taber respecting my bank accounts — but the family appeared to have retired for the night Our Eliz. Hussey was also with us at tea — Aunt Nancy left us early on acct. of her new Companion who came to day to fill as she might be able the place left vacant by the death of her friend Abby

6th. Day 22d. Called at Mothers after breakfast and had a long conversation with her on her troubles of mind and body the former are greatly to be regretted because they proceed from misconceptions in a great degree, and have causes which ought not to exist — a more calm state of feeling is greatly to be desired for her — that her last days may be peaceful — I called afterwards to see my wife and Sister Sarah — then to my ordinary business cares & anxieties till Dinner — afterwards went to the funeral observances at the Spring Street Meg. House on the death of Wm Tallman who died a few days ago upwards of 90 years of age — at their close I went to the Co House and remained there till near 8 Oclk — afterward at home —

7th. Day I have a day of great anxiety on acct of my pecuniary concerns, the refusal of the Marine Bank to discount the whole of my paper which has been long running at the bank owing probably to the just claims of their more profitable customers, obliged me to resort to the precarious and in my situation fearful course of borrowing of my friends — with no feeling of certainty

of the means of repaying it promptly — made a call on mother, previous to this claim on her funds — devoted the rest of the day to Cg House duties — after tea walked to my West lots — and thence crossed to the Oak Grove Cemetery — and visited the resting place of the mortal remains of our beloved Mary and other relatives — by a beautiful moon light which gave a delicious relief to the marbles which affection has reared in that whitening garden of the dead — On my return I called at the house of one of my tenants who has been sorely afflicted with illness so as to disqualify him for labor for several months — an aged Scotch woman was with us at tea

1st day 24th Called at mothers before meeting and went again after meeting to assist in moving her — attended the mtg. at 5th & St House — read in the Bible and in the mg Mrs Chase read to us from the memoirs of Anna Backhouse

2d day 25th Went to Fall River to attend the Pocasset Sch. Com. mtg. he took br. Wm's horse & Cg and bro. him home in the afternoon, he having come from his Son Alfreds this morng — of whom he reports very favorably — we dined at Micahs — & on the whole had a satisfactory day, though disappointed of my hope of a bank accom. there, at time in the mg

3d day 26th Offered my note with my bro. Wm Obs. & Barrow & Minor Sureties at the ~~Dart's Savings~~ Mercts Bank and it passed the Directors Board favorably — spent the day in attending to my Concerns — losing much time unavoidable amidst of my condition — took tea at mothers and went back to the Cg House and remained pretty late

4th day 27th Consummated the change of papers at the

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Merchants Bank called at mothers once or twice as usual — and was at home in the ev'g. Eliz'b Hussey Anna Wiles & her sister Josephine Perry being with us at tea Eben. came in the ev'g —

5th day Engaged in the morng. by some domestic jobs afternoons at the Cg House & called as usual several times at mothers — was met by Jas Arnold who escorted me about A.G. Snell — he seemed in a very hard and exacting Spirit. returned from the Store at the opening of the P.O. mail calling at mothers & waited till the letters were ready for delivery — found the family absent at Ch. Morgans & Mr. Russells. I read a while and retired before their return

6th. day 29th Devoted the day to the current concerns. some attention to the reshingling of the Roof of the Green House — Called at mothers — had a meet'g of the Directors of the Phoenix Co'y at D. R. Perrys at 6 P.M. A.G. Snell having left for Shirley at 10 A.M. — Abby Hussey was here at tea — I called at bro. Williams on business with E. Motley relative to some changes in the stipulations of the lease.

7th day 30th Called early at brother Williams respecting the proposed modification of the lease from the United Society of Shirley — and it was concluded to ask the opinion of Daniel Whitman — Called at mothers and had a long conversation with her on her household matters which have given her so much annoyance — Advised her as the occasion was passed to try not to dwell on things that had been unpleasant — Gave the rem'r of the day to my business duties at the Cg House &c — was detained there after dark in putting my room in better order — after a late supper went to Eben Perrys to attend a chess M. & Sister who were there at tea. Mrs. Rotch left here to day for Newyork to meet his Cousin — daughter of his uncle Dickason. who is expected by the next Steamer from Liverpool

did not see him which I much regret — on account
the relationship and the kindness of his parents to Thomas
on his late visit, on his journey through N York State last
Autumn. We did not know of his being here till yesterday
and though he could remain over tomorrow — or I do
home Rides it a point to see him — Ma cheer H regrets
the omission as much as I do — thought unintentional
1st day 5 mo. 1 — Went to mothers & the Post office after
breakfast — but did no see her as she was asleep attended
meeting at the Spring St. House all day went to mothers
to aid in moving her at 5 O'clk — Eve at home to
hear Ma cheer H read the memoirs of J. J. Gurney's daughter
but we were interrupted by a call from Jn. Harris
2d day 2d — The anxieties of my embarrassed pecuniary
affairs have pressed heavily upon me — and there seems
no escape or deliverance from them — these perturbations
took up all the forenoon — called at mothers — How much
of trouble there is in this life — may this severe discipline
be rightly improved to prepare us for a better — Eve at
home to late supper, after the family — Annie Miles
was here at tea & Dr. Abbot called in the eve
3d day 3d. Engaged at the Cg House & through the day
was at mothers at 11 & 6 to aid in moving her
detained at home after dinner in depositing for
future occasions the Shingles left on the late re-
shingling of the Green House Roof — at home
after the mail opened — Mr. Cheer H. read in a
late desirable Volume on practical life by Taylor
to us —
4th day 4th Devoted my time to my business Cares at
the Cg House &c — twice at mothers — at home after
the arrival of the mail
5th day 5th Walked to my bro Benj. to breakfast to see if I
could make a sale of my Scow Schr. — which I effected — on
terms which can hardly fail to be very advantageous to him — De-
voted this day to my Cg house duties — calling several times
at my mothers to assist in moving her &c — at home after
the opening of the mail — wrote to the applicant from
Dighton for my Schr that he was too late in his conclusion to buy her

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6th day 6th Gave attention before breakfast to the preparations for fencing the marsh lot near the Cove which was mortgaged to me by Geo. W. Tripp. and went to the Spot after breakfast with mothers horse — met Thos. as I was returning — and further measures were taken to procure the additional materials which were found to be required — I was at mothers to aid in removing her to the parlor — and again at 6 O'clk to aid in returning her to her bed. but this done just before I & Ed. whom I met near the house. sat them — Cy House duties engaged the rem. of my time till near 8 — when I returned for the evg. — Eliz. Hussey was here to tea. The daughters at the musical meeting — bro. Benj. called and spent most of the evg.

7th day 7th Rode to the Cove after breakfast to take some nails for finishing the Cove fence — took our dear Ellen with me — and had a delightful ride — the sun the air the sea the earth awakening with the breath of Spring conspiring with the Voice of Creation to make it so. In returning Stopped at Jos. Davis' to leave a parcel for Henry C. Smith — got back in time to aid in the removal of my dear mother from her bed to the Chair — She seemed more than usually feeble — and said she thought we should not have the trouble much longer — Called again after dinner and again at 6 to aid in removing her from the parlor to her bed. She seemed more comfortable than the morng. spent portion of my time was otherwise chiefly occupied at the Cy House. returned as usual about 8 — but the mail had not arrived — it being reported that the Cars had got off the track — The News paper was brot in the evg but we did not learn further as to the delay —

1st day 8th Attended meeting as usual at Shrigley House and was at mothers to assist in her removals. Read in the bible and Macheyne. Continued the memoirs of Anna Backhouse

2d day Busy at the Cy House & Making preparation for a visit to Chinley which as usual occupied

me very assiduously and till late in the eve —
3d day 10th left in the morning for Shirley — on getting to Boston, called at Alvy Patterson Hos and at B Worcester Room — taking Oak Hall in my way to the Fitchburg R.R. at 12 — left and was at Shirly about 2 — Repaired to the Factory office after dinner — and looked over the hills and walked down the Race way where the men were at work to widen the same to 20 feet and to build a new dam, crossing the meadow to enlarge the pond and give a better control of the water —

from 4th day 11 to 7th day the 28 - at noon I was employed with only the necessary intermission for meals and sleep, on the books & accts of the Store and Factory - making some new facilities for carrying out the plan of keeping note of the Stocks in its details - and writing up the Store accts which involve much detail and daily accurate attention to keep the correct knowledge of the accts of the Operatives whose trade is very much in debits — One each Sabbath I walked to the Central town to attend Divine Service at the Unitarian Church - where I heard profitable discourses - on the 1st from a Mr Bates of Stowe - & on the 2d from Mr Chandler — during the intermissions I walked in different directions to get some knowledge of the Surrounding Country — which affords many delightful views — on the 15th after a late dinner I left my lodgings at the Inn to call at Mr Swell's and so to meeting with him in the eve — But finding - people moving towards the Meeting House I post-poned my call — and went to the Sch. House where the Baptists with

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whom Ag. Sulle is connected, hold their meeting, — but I found that the Service there was over having been held at 5 O'Clk instead of 7 as I supposed — I therefore went to the adjacent Congregational Mg House, where a prayer meeting was to be held — and after its close called at Ag. Sulle's though rather late — Found the family in distress at the illness of the baby of 3 mos with convulsions that day taken — On the 6th day of the next week the 20th had an interview with the Shakers on the proposed modification of the race — and it was agreed that we Sh. (both parties) take the opinion of S. Hoare of Concord as to the legal remedy which the Coy. has for the loss they have sustained by back waters on the wheel, &c. it is supposed was chiefly owing to the raising of the dam at Page's mill on the Nashua about 2 miles below the race — the Cy have commenced proceedings against the United Society under the Guaranty given in the case — On 7th day the 21st Ag. S & I on the one part & Elder Grove & Jones Nutting on the other part took the cars to Concord and had a conference with Squire Hoare — who satisfied Sulle & me that our remedy must first be sought from Page — & in the event of failing there our remedy must be sought of the Shakers — After the interview we walked together round that quick

town and as far as R. Waldo Emerson's on the S.E. verge near the Lexington Road, by which the British marched to destroy the Warlike Stores which were deposited there at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War — We returned to Lucy in the mid day train — and I resumed my attention to the acc[t]. which I continued with little interruption till the afternoon of 6th. day the 27th. which was chiefly devoted to the occasion of the interment of Alden's Child who died on 4th. day Mr. Jennings of Fitchburg conducted the Religious Solemnities — in a very agreeable manner — I returned from the Cemetery and took tea with the family — had an interview afterward at the Office and then at A.G. Sulls house with Elder Grove & J. Sutting touching the proposed modification of the lease — which was finally agreed upon and they were to have the same put in writing for our Signatures, after it sh[d]. be Submitted to our attorneys in Boston the following day in the afternoon — I returned to the Office and spent the remainder of the evening till midnight — and the next forenoon was prepared to leave for home — took my Seat in the Cars at 12½ o'clk — arr[d]. at Boston a little after 2 — called at Gill Wold's Office with the Shakers — and he & Abbot of Lowell considered the provisions of the instrument — I failed to have the condition respect J. Page's dam made definitely say from 16 to 17 Inches which was the understanding or coming to the oral agreement before Jonas act[d]. under Apostolic advice herein — But

on the Strong presumption that it would have no practical effect detrimental to our mill. I waived the point — and took the 4 P.M. train for home — whether I arrived in good time and had the pleasure of finding all as well as usual — Our Taylors of St. John Canada and his son, for whom a berth for a whaling voyage has been procured through our Commander agency in the Sea Gull Capt. Nichols were with us at tea — I called after tea to see my mother who seemed about as well as when I left home —

1st day 29th Attended Mtg. at the Spring St. House in the morng — and went with ma there to the Episcopal Church in the afternoon — Mtg at home when we designed to go on with the memoirs of J. Backhouse — but a call from Jr. Hussey & Capt. & Mrs. Blackler, prevented

2d day 30th Attended to some domestic duties which devolve on me in the absence of a man Servant — and began to resume my P.O. House duties call to see the necessary and at mothers A.M. & P.M. & called to see Thos. C. Allen & D.K. Perry on the Shirley business — bro. Wm returned to day via Boston and Ch. got well yesterday morng. from their Bloomsburg visit — our children at Geo. Husseys this Evg. —

3d day 31 — Rose & called the family early to prepare for Sue & Ellen's visit by the early train to Boston — the former to have the services of Tucker the dentist — it is melancholy to think that such a young woman should need them — Called at the Mansion House to see Mr. Taylor of Canada but he was Out — the rest of the day was chiefly

Spent at the Cg House, called to assist at
J. S. M. at mothers — Mr Taylor was here with
his son at tea — The father leaves on the morrow
for his home — The parting for so long a time
from his son who seems to be a nice lad will
be painful — exposed as he is to the perils
Physical & moral which he will have to encounter
4th Day 6/1 Attended to some domestic objects before
breakfast — afterwards wrote up this journal & looked over
the Newspaper — then to mothers — the Bank Cg House &c
— Read the Boston news after dinner & then riding to the store
with Sister Eliza who came to take tea here & to mothers
when I was detained late dark — Calling at mothers
to seal & direct a letter, — as I had done before to
aid in removing her to her bed — Afterward at
home
5th Day 7 Continued my preparation for the meeting of
the Phoenix cotton manufacturing Cg — had Mr the books
of Records from Ellis Jones which in consequence of
their absence were in arrear — was at mothers to
aid in moving her as usual — Had mg of the Cg
here at my house in the evg. bro Wm being present
in addition to the members here — I had Geo Harveys
proxy — The modification of the agreement or
lease was approved —
6th Day 8 Occupied at the Cg House & at home
writing up the records of the Decisions of the
P. C. M. Cg — at mothers to give aid in removing
her as usual
7th Day 9th Occupied chiefly as yesterday
at mothers at 11 & 6 — as usual — bro Wm
has gone to see his son Alfred who is more unwell
again — Harriet Perry is yet critically ill tho
more comfortable for the last few days

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Attended Mg at the Spring St House — in the afternoon a friend from Nantucket named Dudley was there and spoke in the usual Style of Friends — Read in the bible and the late discourse delv. by Edw. Everett in New York — and in the eg mr. Chere H. finished reading aloud to us the Memoir of the interesting and Saint like daughter of the late Jo. John Gurney — bro: Chs was here part of the day — and bro: Benj.n took Edw.d with him in a chaise to Petompske — Our Dear Lucy who returned from Boston 6th day with a swelled face, consequent on the dental operations to which she submitted there — is better but did not go out to d. 2: day 6th Attended to my business concerns at the Cg House and was at mothers as usual to aid in moving her —
3: day 7th Engaged from early dawn: about my home and official duties as to the Shirley Cotton Coy — had a Directors mg. to make a notice for publication at the Cg House — gave some time to an appendage to my wife's wardrobe — and after dining where I found my wife's nephew Henry T. Barnes who arrived to day from N. York to pass a day here on business — he has become a tall young man since I last saw him — very capable & every way estimable he takes his uncle Edmunds place as partner of his father young Wm Taylor was also with us at dinner & tea Called twice at Mothers but not in time to aid in removing her — there was no lack however of help
4th Day 8th Went to the wharf before breakfast about my Scow. and getting her afloat to repair — gave further attention in the afternoon and got her afloat otherwise at the Cg House — assisted in removing mother to her bed — otherwise at the Cg House Wm Taylor was with us at tea. and I — made up a bundle of papers

with a couple of Volumes of the Sailors Magazine & wrote a few lines to encourage him to fidelity to his duties — and to refrain from following evil examples which will abound on Shipboard & in foreign ports — Anna Miles & Eliz. Henry were also with the party at tea — I was later at my meal

5th. Day 9th Made a call at C.W. Morgans to get a copy of Maury's Sailing directions for young Taylor was at my Scow job before & after breakfast the — at the Office — rain of the time — called at Mothers but was too late for rendering personal aid which however was not needed — Ann there Mary Worcester Julia Wright & a number of our relations including several of our own family — left at home after a late supper — I went onboard the Sea Gull, Nichols to see young Taylors accom.ns in the hold — & Edm.d went out in the Ship at 9 ½ P.M. they had a fine sail off & returned in the Pilot boat Eliz Henry was here after tea & her bro. George

6th. day Went early to the R.R. Depot to forward a letter and met Martha Whalen on her return from Saratoga whither she had been called by the severe illness of her sister — the rain of the day Chiefly devoted to the abortive attempt to get my Scow out of water — was at the wharf at 10 O'clk to await of the high tide to make another trial on the Purchase but owing to ill arranged fastening without success Mr. Chen & I went to Peterspike with our friend Hetty Henry to day — called twice at mothers but I could not leave my mechanical job at the hours of her removal

7th. day 11th Was again early at the wharf And my two men & self renewed our endeavors to get up the Scow made another effort at high water but without success — refitted again at low water for another trial at night — which measurably succeeded though not entirely — Our nephew Henry Barrow left us by the St. B. line for N.Y. this afternoon — Edm.d went to Peterspike this afternoon I was at mothers

once but not at her removal by Supervision & aid of the wife being needed —

1st day 12th Attended the Spring St. Mg. which was very small on acct. of the Yearly meeting — walked at the close of the forenoon meeting to Wm Ellis' Apartments to see about a boy to attend upon the family returned by Franks Knoll near the beach, which was beautifully covered with White weed — and the borders of the marsh, by Jas D. Thompson's farm &c — fell in with Wm Hall & had a little talk with him — went to assist in the removal of mother after dinr. at the close of the afternoon Mg — had calls from Andr & Wm Roberson & A Tucker in the evg —

2d day 13th Occupied all day about my Scow in getting her up for repairs, and but partially succeeded called at mothers on my way home, She did not get up to day

3d day 14th Occupied as yesterday, quite laboriously and succeeded in placing the Scow high enough on the launching ways of J. & I. Hillman — called at mothers on my way home, and rode with Sister Eliza to the house, She being on her way to Mr. Ritchie's —

4th day 15th Went to the whf. to see about the Scow before breakfast — at the Cg Office &c — at home earlier than usual — Sister Susan & Eliz. Sue & Rody — with Anna Miles with us at tea — Wm L. Rodm called late in the evg — after his mother & Sisters had gone — He reports Harriet better — Frank & E. Harvey at Peterpskit & rid in evg

5th day 16th At home till rather late in the forenoon then at mothers & the Cg House — went to aid in the removal of mother to Mr. Ritchie's — evg at home Walter Mitchell Called

6th day 17th Engaged at home, the Cg House &c

7th day 18th Met Wm Bein at the Cg Room of the former with A Roberson touching a difference between me

& the latter in regard to the St. John adjustment
afterward at the Cg House &c
1st Day 19th After my Morng. duties I called at mothers
— attended Mg. at the Spring St. House — Eliza Gurney was there and preached in the forenoon — I remained at home except going to mothers at Sext Belle — Ma chere H. went with H. Hussey to call on E. Gurney and took tea with our good friends the Hussey's
2d day 20th home & Cg House duties &c took up my time Called at mothers who has been more feeble to day & did not get up — Ma chere H was with her in the afternoon. I stopped for her on my return at the close of the day — & was at home in the evg —
— Our children at the exhibition of the French Hippodrome — which was largely attended and interesting —
3d day 21st — Mother better to day and was again taken into the parlor — I was engaged considerably at home with the Acct. of the Jam &c — otherwise at the Cg House. evg at home Ma chere H & the Children at Hetty Hussey's — also Sister Phebe, to meet Eliza Gurney —
4th day 22d variously occupied at home, the Cg House &c — — at home in the evg. Frank Grinnell & his little boy here at dinner — & from the unfavorable weather (Rain) stayed at tea & all night
5th day 23d. Went to Mrs. Reynolds in the morng — thence to the Cg Room & the afternoon chiefly spent in an interview with Nicholas Tripp of Auburn N.Y. with reference to establishing the Rolling business at the Factory — afterward at the Cg House — late Supper & afternoon at home — Eliza Hussey was here as Miss Annie Miles was expected — but detained by her sisters health. She was here a short time in the evg —

6th day 24th considerably occupied with my home duties and H. Sherman's farming Accounts called to aide in the daily removals of [illegible] mother but not having the time keeper with me I was not in season but there was no deficiency of help — C. House duties had a portion of my attention — H. Robeson bro: Jon: Sister Catharine her two daughters and three of their Children arr: to day — her son in law Jos Mather was left in N. York there being scarcely time to make the transit from the transit from the Amboy to the P. R. Steamboat before the departure of the latter

7th day Continued my attention to the farm Accts and attended to my other business — mother was not able to be in her Chair to day — these repeated turns of unusual feebleness show that her Vital energies are waning — I called at Andrews twice to see his guests — Jos Mather arrived this morning — he is in poor health — I gave some attention to dressing my Scow was nearly caulked but the Shoved float off the launching ways on high tide — afterwards at home — Mr. Horton called — Edm: was at the Dumplin Rock & House to day with his Club the Blues

1st day 26th After the morng: duties & breakfast I walked to the Cemetery now the resting place of a number of our kindred besides our dear Mary — I strewed some flowers over her Grave — walked a while thro the paths — myself the only visitant of this City of the dead — called with some flowers from my wife to Mrs Homer as I went — Called at Mothers after Meeting: — but was too late in the forenoon owing to the great length of the Sermon from Enoch Pond of Ohio who was there and had a large audience. Read at Mothers and at home — the rem: of the day — except a call at Andrews to see Jos Mather — who is quite feeble — Cath[illegible] Rose also more than usually unwell.

with pretty a cold from the change of the atmosphere.
Mother was quite bright to day - and able to enjoy
in her chamber the calls of her family - & their friends -
2d day 27th At Home much of the day ready the papers
at Mothers to assist in her removal - at the Cg House
Eve'g at home.
3d day 28th After my Morng. duties & breakfast read
Horace Mann's reply to W. Phillips in the Liberator - in
which he sustains himself fully - I wish he was
as was equally defensible in his sentiments about Cong
in relation to Webster - afterward at Mothers &
at the Cg House. Called a few minutes at Asa Dw's &
saw Jos. Mather who seems very feeble -
4th Day 29th After the Morng duties - gave my attention
to Cg House concerns - chiefly to the adjustment of Belcher
Estate accounts - Cog made copies at home for Jos. Arnold
was at A. Robeson's and Jos. Mather & some of his other
relatives E. M. took a short ride - but is very feeble
Mother has been more feeble to day - though in the
parlor
5th day 30th At home, the Cg. House, Mothers
and Andrews - Spent most of the afternoon with
Mother Sister E. being absent at the "Orphan Picnic"
had some conversation relating to her property - Jos.
Mather quite feeble
6th Day 7th mo. 1 Engaged as usual Called to see
Jos Mather & Mother to aid in her removals - about
noon heard of my nephew Alfred Rodman's decease
at the White Sulphur Springs Virginia - very un-
expected have seen his bro. Sam. last 4th day who
had just returned. and left him comfortable - he
set off on his return on 6th day and he died last 1st Day
the news came by telegraph from Boston last eve -
- ma chere & I spent last eve. there - Bro. Wm
was less unprepared than the rest of us a sad affliction

of the day 2d Engaged at home, in the morng called at Andrews & Mothers in the forenoon and aided also in her removal in the afternoon — Mins of the day at the Ch House. whilst Scowden went to R66 room in the evg to attend ma chere th. home

1st day 3d After the morn[g] duties read till meeting time in the bible and the S.W. Advr — at meg, Attended P.M. at Spring St House, Spent some time with Mother after aiding in her removal and called at Andrews Jo Mathers continues very feeble did not sleep well last night — after tea of the fam[y] Henry came late dinner — Eliz[a] Rodman being with us — ma chere H & Lely went to see bro Wm — He had a letter to day from a Mr Wortham who sent the despatch giving some more definite information of Alfreds death & dying condition — who seems to have excited the warmest sympathy — A. was writing a letter when he died at 12 oclk of this day week — he had seemed more comfortable up to that moment

2d day 4th At home & till toward 11 Oclk when I went to aid in the removal of mother to her Chair — called at Andrews to see the invalids — and found they were prepar'd to go to the upper part of the Garden to see the procession to the Church to hear the Oration — I stopd to see it pass and then applied myself to the Cares that press upon me — in the latter part of the day went to see bro Wm in his affliction ma chere H with me

3d day 5th Occupied part of the day with the workmen who were putting up the drive piles — but the day was consumed before the repair of the machine was finished

4th day — and the pile Driver & Gat down. and

deep in one instance 20 or more feet were found from the surface of the river — Rode to the St. 13th below above the bridge to arrange for the return of the Pile Driver to my Bro. Wm's whf. but they did not get down. Sickness only. I was not up. The younger part of Roberson's guests were here in the Evg.

5th day Rose early & after the Mg. duties went on board the whf — and took measures to detain the Pile Driver below the bridge — It was nearly 11 when this was accomplished by the use of my Bro. B's Steam boat — afterwards attended as the Cg duties & went to the Cg House in the evg — went to the ship hoping to get off the Scow — but the tide was insufficient

6th day 8th After the Mornj. duties engaged at home writing with reference to a past transaction wh. has been strangely misunderstood by some members of the family — called at Mothers and afterwards A. Roberson's to see his Guests — At the Cg House & Factory chiefly at the latter after Dinner in measures to empty the Cistern — which had begun to leak to the danger of injury to the building & the Grain stored therein — went there again after tea to see that the discharge went safely on

7th day 9th At the Cg House & Factory &c — aided in the removal of Mother in the morning — but was prevented in the afternoon by Evg at home — Little Anna Rodman & Anna Ratch were with the family at tea as there was rain & thunder in the evg they will remain the night

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1st day 10th The little Girls Stairs title near the hour of Public Worship — I was at Spg Street Meet'g A.M. & P.M, also at the 5th St. Mg. in the afternoon which was Small & Silent — In addition to the usual Speakers of Spg St Eliz. King made a short communication she is a daughter of Wm. C. Taber — She is now on a visit with her husband from Baltimore — This was the first announcement to me that She had appeared in the Ministry — I was at Mothers to aid in her daily removals & Spent most of the intermission of the Relig-ious services at her side —
2d day 11th Took Some measures in relation to putting up a bathing house on the Shore of Joseph Dabis — rode that her to See the Site and ask permission to occupy it — in both of which objects I was well Satisfied — and D Peirce went there to take measurements to build it on the ground between the two that Stood detached, thus making a continuous row of 4 dressing buildings each about 18 by 4 ft — a little above high water mark — Attended to my Concerns at the Cg. House &c — at Mothers as usual
3d day 12 — Went to the Shore when the bathg House is in process of erection and took my dear Susan to See the progress of the job, which was not so forward as I expected to find it — at Mothers — to and as usual sat the whg House — the dredging boat — at work at Merfield St. wharf — Ann Mather & her two daughters

and their Uncle Jon.ª with us at tea. her husband and mother were too unwell to be with us

4th day 13th Engaged with my accounts at the Store & at home — Rode to the bathing House to see that all was right for the Girls & Frank to use it. the Partitions were not up — they however availed of their Cousin & Mr J Potts. — and. as they afterward informed me had a very pleasant time — I went to see D.r Ward. my teeth Chafing my Gums Sadly. Edw.d went to Newyork &c on a journey of health & pleasure — I was at home after late twilight. Much annoyed with D.r W. handywork

5th day 14th After the home duties which fall on me in the mg. — del.d our daughters invitation to Ann Mather & her Children to bathe with them at noon — Called to aid in Mothers removal — which is now much less of an effort. by the removal of the high foot posts of the bedstead — went to the river Shore: but the workmen had left & I missed my object — afternoon at the factory lost & Cg Room — a/c at home Mother more unwell and went to bed after being up an hour or two — The Girls great & little had a fine time at the river

6th Day 15th Rose early and took an early breakfast to go at 7 A.M. with a Carpenter to the bath House to complete the arrangements for its use as suggested by those who tried its Convenience yesterday — the little items occurred contrary to my expectation all the forenoon so that we did not

Get back till noon One Oclk — learned on arrival that intelligence had been rec^d from my bro^r Wm that the interment would take place this afternoon — bro^r Benj sent the information in season to attend the solemnities and took the mid day train for that purpose. A Robinson w^d have gone also if he had been seasonably informed — My D^r mother was taken more unwell yesterday so that she had to be put to bed a short time after she was removed to the parlor — D^r Rotch was called and administered to her — he thinks it not of a serious nature — She was reported partially relieved — at Eve — She has not been up to day and the attack is checked but she is feeble — I read a while after dinner and then was at my C^g House duties &c till twilight — afterwards at home — Our three children and S Russey used the Bath House which is now reported complete

7^th day 16^th Occupied as usual about home in the morning and at the C^g Room & the remainder of the day except reading the Boston Paper after dinner — Eve^g at home. prevented by Rain from calling at my bro^r Wm's — he having returned from the Obsequies of his Son this forenoon — Edw^d Allen arrived this eve^g — with their Son & niece

1^st day 17 attended Mtgs. at the Spring St. Hse. and also in the afternoon at the 4^th St. House was at mothers in the interim and after my late dinner, omitting as I of late have done, the Family lunch at 10 Oclk. which I find quite to my advantage — went with Wm there to bro^r Wm's and heard the particulars of the melancholy occasion — Edw^d was ill on on his Southern journey with something very like the Cholera the weather most oppressively hot

2^d day 18^th Employed as usual with my home and C^g House duties — Calling to see D^r Ward &

having been much troubled with his pulmonic complaint of late — was at mothers' aid in her daily removals — was at A. Coberoi's on business and dined Jan. Jon.a Joseph continues very much of an invalid

3d. day 19th. Occupied as usual — called at Dr. Wards' and spent most of the day at the Cg. House — at mothers Att. & Ill

4th. day 20th. Eng. aged as heretofore: at home the Cg. Room & at mothers — Mr. Homers little boy was intered to day — the Services at Grace church — which the fam.y. except myself attended I was prevented by business with a man out of town — It was a very interesting occasion Mr. Homers Father Officiated.

5th. day 21st. went to the Wh.f. early and aided in getting the pile driver towed up by Benj.a with Steam boat from my bro. Wms wharf through the bridge to my own to be ready for use by the workmen tomorow — passed the line by coming in contact with a Ship at Parkers' wharf which caused some trouble and delay — afterwards eng.d as usual — eve.g after 8 at home

6th. day 22d. Spent the day at my usual avocations, at home or mothers & at the Cg. House eve.g at home, after the open.g of the Boston Mail eve.g went to Jos. Wms to see them & attend Mr. Chev. H. home

7th. day 23. At home, at the Cg. Hse and at mothers at the hours of her visits and returning visits 11 & 6 — at home after after 8 P.M. — and about 9 was informed that Mrs. Chev. H. who with the fam.y. took tea before I left home was quite unwell I saw her in my. and went for Dr. Bartlett — first to his house & then to his office near the Mansion House

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He came and administered for a derangement of the digestive functions — ordered Hot fomentation — these were continued till 2 O'Clk — when she was a little relieved — I waited on her till that time and again at 4 —

1st day 24th Rose rather late — Mrs Chase th relieved from the acute Symptoms which were so painful last night I was at Mtg. A.M. & P.M. at the Sk[illegible] House — At mothers to assist her to the parlor at the close of the 1st Mtg — A. Robeson was here in the Mtg — hav[illegible] Mtg from Red River to Spend this day with his father and their Phil[a] relations — I was there at the close of our Mtg. but found none below — all except Jon[a] & his mother were at Meeting — some of them as I supposed to hear Wm Lloyd Garrison who came last Mtg to address the N.B. Female A.S. Soc[y] — I heard afterward the W.L.G. was also invited Guest, but thus he remained at home in the Morng — his Speaking being allotted for the afternoon & Mtg.

2d day 25th Went to the Whf before breakfast to see to the commencing of the pile Drivers to whom I gave a considerable time in the course of the day — Called at Andrews and Saw his nephew Richard Moore who arrived Yesty. Mtg from Phil[a] — I was at mothers at the usual hours — Mr C. Howe & Horace appropriated the rest of the day — Mrs Chase th passed the day in her Chair in the Daughters Room, better, but poorly

3d day 26th after the Morng duties spent two or three hours in a complete cleansing of my Lamp which has been at mothers for the last 9 mos —

and which was altered for a larger curbstone when the thick Solar W. permit — It conforms most nearly to what I should chuse if it were an object to make a business of their construction — which I find no lamp makers inclined to do — and which I am precluded from doing by the embarrassed state of my affairs — Attended at mothers as usual and gave attention to C.J. House affairs — and to the pill drivers — before they were stopped by the rain — ev'g at home

4th day 27th A rainy day Occupied with home C.J. House and other duties at mothers &c — Called to see Jos. Mather — who continues without improvement though much disposed to make the best of his ailments — Called at Bro. Wm's in the ev'g

5th day 28th Attended to C.J. Hse. and other usual duties — the pill driving & the daily attention at my dear aged mothers — In the ev'g had a meet'g. of the parties interested here in the Onondaga Salt works with reference to a proposition rec'd by J. Arnold from Stephen Smith — which resulted in empowering J. Arnold to go to Syracuse and there act for all the parties here — Wm J Rotch with my bro. Wm Reyn. & Andrew were also present —

6th day 29th Attended to my home and business duties — partly comprising attention to the pill drivers east of the Dutch Lot — Mother was too much oppressed by what appears to be a cold to be moved to day — had our pumps in the yard and at the Stable fitted by Mason & Swift with new leathers to the boxes —

7th day — Considerably occupied in finishing the Pill driving job — and in attending to the removal of the Gas to the Central Pipe within the East Chimney and to taking up the Brackets to which they were attached — remainder of the time given to C.J. House duties — Mother continues much oppressed with her Cold. I fear it be, and viol-

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the effects of the imperfect action of the Physical organs from the impaired Vitality of her extreme age — Ma chere H rode down to see her to day the first time she has been abroad since her own attack of illness this right week

1st day 31 — Called at Mothers after breakfast & found her very poorly and so she has continued through the day — I was at the 8th & St. Mtg Sch & P.M. and was between Mtgs. & till dark at the Cg. House trying to get my affairs so that I may make a visit at Shirley if Mother Sh^d be well enough — Read in the bible & S.S. Journal

2d. day 8th mo: 1 — Mother Continues much distressed with difficulty of breathing and expectoration — which we look upon her rallying to her recent low State of health very much so — Cg House duties have assiduously occupied me — hoping to be able to leave for Shirley if not detained by Mothers Situation — I have been anxious to be there for the past Mo: but was unable to leave my pressing cares — I called at Gw Harveys on business — in the Mtg. Ch. M. Called here & Cornelia Bailey was here at tea — I was after the Fam. as usual

3d. day 2d. Devoted my time assiduously to Cg Hse duties to prepare if Possible for my visit to Shirley — Mother Seems rather more Comfortable to day to that I hope it will be proper for me to leave for Shirley in the morng — the preparation for which took up all my time in the forenoon at the Cg Room — when I adjourned continue my work while later at home

4th day 3d My mother is too much unwell to admit of my leaving home to day — And I fear that she may pass off with this attack in her State of great debility from Age — Called at Andrews and had a very unfavorable report of Jos's health from his mother in law — Gave the latter part of the forenoon and afternoon to Office duties &c

5th day 4th Still detained by my mother Situation — not worse perhaps but much debilitated by taking very little food and a wearing cough which afford little relief to the accumulation of Mucous on the lungs which impedes her breathing — My usual duties occupied me in the M & the till 4 Pm when I went to superintend the Clearing out of the West part of the 3d Floor of mothers Store, which has not been done I presume since I left it in 1834 this took the time till late twilight — then returned to the Office and remained till 10

6th day 5th after my usual morning duties & breakfast called on my Cousin Eliza Farrar, who (with her niece Maria Rotch (daughter of Dr Hutchison) have been here a few days on a visit to Mary Gifford — then to Mothers, found her probably a little better — to the Office — home at 7 to meet Maria Rotch & Eliza Mitchell and a few of our young Galatians — Cousin E. Farrar declining to visit. Maria appears a sensible and well informed young woman of about 18 — She arrived in this Country about the time of Mr. Farrar's death — who was one of the most eminent of the Cambridge professors, but by his intellectual labors, too unremittingly pursued his health became so much impaired by the derangement of his nervous System that for the last 13 years he has been a great Sufferer, under which he has sustained himself like a philosopher and a christian Mrs L. Rodman was here in the Evg M. J. & Emily Rotch also

7th day 6th Did my usual, and some extra domestic duties in the morng. - after breakfast attended to putting my lamps & oil Vessels to rights - taking the Liv.l Am.n into use to clean the high Solar American mixed. that I may take the bowl of it with me to Boston to be Silver plated while I am engaged at Shirley - The Dark bronze exterior being unfavorable for keeping up the brightness of the oil which the the burner generates. afternoon I sat chiefly at the C.H Room - called at Mothers on my way home at 9 - She seems to improve slowly - though very feeble

1st Day 7th Attended the Mtg.s at Spring St. Hill & at Mothers morng. afternoon & eg - She has had a feeble day but on the whole somewhat better - though she has been so much distressed from a collection of Mucus on the lungs that there seemd danger of a speedy exit - but She obtains some relief in expectoration and She slept quietly in the eg -

2d. day 8th Occupied somewhat with my lamps to have the finial alteration in the burner heads so as to carry out my views in dispensing with the bevil wires - called several times at Mothers. who is more comfortable so that I think of going to Shirley to morrow - My business at the C.H Room & a call this eg at Bro. Wm's has had reference to this - Sally & Elizth & Emma Russell were here at tea - but I was detained at the Store & at Mothers so late that I did not see them - they had left as I got home from Bro. Wms -

3d day 9th made a call at Mothers before 7 o'clk
and found her pretty Comfortable and willing that
I should go to Shirley — accordingly I left her house
with Wentworth and took the morning train
for Boston — attended to some errands there — and
then joined the mid day train for Fitchburg — and
left it at Shirley about 2 — took lodging at Edw.
Fales' Inn and went to the Factoryde after dinner
— The new dam is completed in good Style — and
I anticipate no further trouble for lack of water or
excess of it, unless in extraordinary freshets in the Nash-
ua River — The race way being now widened and
deepened to 20 feet — double the original width
— the Dam at the upper reservoir is in process of erec-
tion — which with that made last Summer will
when full, it is estimated will give a water sur-
face of 1000 acres — doubtless amply sufficient
for the present mills and probably much in excess

9th 2d. Devoted myself to the accounts of the Manufg.
Co. assiduously on week days and eve. till this
day — On first days I walked to the Middle town
(2 miles) to attend the Unitarian meeting — On the
two first Sabbaths I heard the Minister of the Parish
Mr. Chandler — and on the last Mr. Hill of Wor-
cester — who gave two of the most impressive &
eloquent discourses that I have had the privilege
of hearing — the first was on the Passage of the
Lords Prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" the second "but the End
is not yet" — I called by invitation at the Hon. Mr Parker's
near the Mfg. House in the intermission and partook of some
of his fine fruit, Parkers Pearmain apples do well this year
in this locality — The Shirley apple has a very fine flavor
with unusual Mellowness — returned to the Inn after

Second Service and dined and then called at Mr Smith's and took Dwight (the Co. Clerk) and rode to the Paper Mill to make a personal observation of the Dam which is alleged by the Shakers to be the cause of our inability to run Steam last winter — from the fact stated by Mr Roberts the Agent of the paper mill — and explanations made by Mr Page I believe the dam has not been raised materially if at all at the ends — if it was originally laid straight on the horizontal line — I judge that Mr Page in rebuilding his dam has not transcended his legal rights — The cause of the greater flowage above on the intervales must — as he states be ascribed to the raising of the central depression of the dam caused by the action of time and the accumulation of ice in past years — and to the stopping of numerous leaks which let the water flow through the dilapidated dam — On returning to the Village I went to the Congregational Wednesday meeting — where several Prayers & Exhortations were made the Minister (Mr Bradley) and the Congr. — which showed sincerity and earnestness in the Sacred Cause — but marred by what appeared to me great theological errors — had some conversation on my return to my lodgings with our host & Mr & Mrs Taylor, boarders from Boston — In addition to the Office duties which demanded most of my time since my arrival — an additional inducement to remain a day or two later was to get some further information relative to the alleged change in Page's Dam and to decide on consultation by Mr Smith with Mr Gatewood in Boston in relation to the payment of the half years rent due the 1st Inst. — The result was that it was proper to make the pay.t, which Mr Smith was prepared to do on the 1st but the Agents of the Limited Society did not call on that day the payment was deferred till this morning — and was satisfactorily completed just before I left to join the Passenger train for Boston at ½ past 11 O'Clock — receiving one pound in relation to the Agents House — on which I am to get the views of the Comp.y at this place (Mesopot) and communicate the result to the L. Society — Took my seat in the train at 12 —

and reached Boston about — or a little after 2 —
Went to the Office of Weld & Merrick and A Patterson
& Son — to Oak Hall and thence to 19 Water St. for my
Plated lamp — and then to the Station for this place
where I arrived in usual time — and found all well
— Edm^d. absent at Newport & Catherine went with him
Emma Rodman Morgan this day — I found our daughter
Elect. Emma at our house — after tea Called at Mother
Cox & Bro: Wms — Mother was comfortably asleep
so that I merely looked on her & retired —
7th day 9 mo. 3 — after the usual preparation for re-
suming my home habits I called at Mothers Bro: Wm
C. Rodman & Geo Hussey's and then to my own Office — Called
again at 11 — to assist in removing Mother to the Parlor
and again to aid at 6 P.M. in return & then to her bed
— came home at Dark & remained through the eve-
ning had a call from Jas Arnold and at his request agreed
to have a mtg of my brothers at my house on 2^d. day
at noon to decide on the Syracuse Salt business —
after having the information obtained by him on his
late Visit to that place & relation thereto —
1st. Day 4th At mtg. at the S.H.S. St. House Mt. Pelt at
5th St. House where were performed the Funeral Solem-
nities consequent on the death of Jas Tober — the
House was quite filled — & Nathan Page & Thos. Goold
Spoke at great length — so that it was Some time before
the procession was entirely formed — I was at Mothers
to aid in her removal to the Parlor & Stairs with her
till towards 2 O'clk. then called at Andrew's to see Jno.
Robeson — Edgar the Mr. Mg & Read Mr. Weiss —
Afterward at home —
2 day 5th Occupied about home — Called at Mothers bro:
Wm & Geo Hussey's C.J. Rooms. and gave the rest of the
day to C.J. Hall duties at my own place. Supped at home

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3d day 6th Went to the R. Road before breakfast afternoon to the C. House &c – at mothers to aid in her removal at 11 & 6 – and mother & being there returned to tea with Sister Eliza – left about 8 and made a call at Andrews, to see Martha Whalen – who has recently heard of the decease of her Sister at Saratoga – Andw & Jon: went on 2d day for Montpelier to attend the Fair for the Sale of Horses – Edm: returned this forenoon from Newport

4th day 7th Gave my time to my duties at home, at mothers, the Coopering house &c Our Son Fr. went this morning to Boston

5th day 8th Spent a considerable part of the day in making a drawing and in writing to the L.H. Board repeating dry hot Lamp at Home – I was accidentally detained a little too late to aid in her removal to the Pastor – afternoon at the C. House – after tea called with mother Chase & at bro: Wms & finished my letter to the L.H. Board in the ev.

6th day 9th Variously engaged at the C. House mothers &c in the ev. at home – with our Friends at tea on Corn puddings – a fire occurred as I was returning home – which destroyed several houses of doubtful respectability near the R.R. Station – Frank returned from Boston this ev – and Edm: went again to Newport by the late train this afternoon – Frank reports that Sister Lydia was with him in the cars from Nyacks –

7th day 10th Devoted the day chiefly to my C. House duties – was at mothers removals – and saw Sister Lydia there She returned to Fall River this afternoon and and I met her at the Station to see her off – bro: Wm Ellen & her Children & nurse were in the train for Jam: Plain & Dedham – Eng at home

1st day 11th Went to the Mtg. on Spring St. forenoon & afternoon and in the evg. to the Unitarian and heard Professor Bowen of Cambridge — Spent the time between meetings chiefly at mothers — Frank and I being the only Male members of the family in town to aid in removing mother from her bed to the Parlor and back

2d day 12th Occupied chiefly with Cg. House duties — made several calls at mothers She was much oppressed at times this morning and D. Rotch was called in She was more comfortable afterward — but not well enough to leave her bed — just as we were finishing dinner Sam'l. Barry and wife (our cousin Hannah Haydock) arrived from Boston — this detained me some time from the Cg House — went to the R.R. Station to send up their baggage & engaged Mothers Carriage to show them about the town towards Sunset — Ma chere H being their attendant — We passed a pleasant evg. with them — but Mr. B. was quite unwell though he kept it to himself till the close of the evg — when he could do no longer — It was very pleasant to renew Past remembrances of old acquaintances at Cape Neddick &c — in the early years of our marriage

3d day 13th Our Guests left us by the Mid Day train — I walked a little in the business part of the Town with Samuel — after seeing him

and Cousin Hannah a view from the top of our House - of the town & adjacent landscape & Bay - after their departure Called at mothers but she was not well enough to be moved to her Chair - and devoted myself to Office duties &
Edmund & Rodman came home to day
6th day 14 - Spent most of the day at home with reference to Franks marriage to morrow - had the Oil barrel refilled - and after dinner attended to the lamps &c - and refitted the the high lamp the bulb of which had been blasted - Our Son Thomas arrived this day to be present at the wedding to morrow &c.
- Mother was in her Parlor again to day -
Thomas' affianced friend Annie was with us at tea this ev - - I was out on business in the ev - and called at A Robeson & Perry Browns
5th day 15th Gave the day chiefly to the memorable event of our Son Francis Marriage with Elizabeth Bonne daughter of Edw & Hetty Hussey. The rain Storm of the early morning was succeeded by a balmy air & bright Sunshine - in harmony with the occasion of such interest to the two families long united by sincere friendship - now more identified by this cementing affinity - Rev C. W. Homer of the Episcopal Ch performed the ceremony in a very acceptable manner and the Couple set off on a journey to Niagara in the afternoon - Our family & a few others stood till their departure - after which we took leave - Our Dr mother took a warm interest in the event - I called & spent an hour

with her towards evg — may blessing attend them
coupled with a reverential eye to the source from
which all blessings flow
6th day 16 Engaged in my usual avocations
at home at the C.H. &c — at mothers in
evg. at home — my leisure hours writing up the
abstracts of my meteorological notes — to be prepared
if they are wanted at Washington
7th day 17 — Occupied as yesterday till evg. when
I went with my family to tea at Cousin Sarah Ann
Wolds — a small party in compliment to Annie
& Thos — we had a pleasant visit —
1st day 18th attended meetings as usual at the Spring
St House — omitted my call at mothers after the
Morning Meeting — on the presumption that as usual
on this day of the week there would be a super abundance
of help in the other male members of the family — I found
however that my expectation was not verified and
that Andr was the only man at the removal — I was
there in the afternoon — evg. at home
2d day 19th Variously occupied in my home duties
and with my meteorological abstracts. C.H. House
business and calls at mothers — evg. went with ma
chez H to Sarah Hammets & Lydia Russells — the
former call having reference to Thomas marriage
both pleasant Capt. Gardner was at L.R. —
3d day 20th Engaged with my weather abstracts
and usual avocations at home the C.H. house & at
Mothers — At Mary Pitfords in the evg. our family
with Annie for whom & not the occasion was
chiefly made — a very pleasant evg: — and
unexpectedly a Corn pudding feast —

4th day 21st. Gave my leisure to my Weather abstracts for the Smithsonian Institution — and the rest of the day to the Claims I home the C.G. House and mothers accommodation.

5th. Day 22 Similar engagements and duties as are reported to above have also had my time & attention to day — Our Annie with us at tea I worked on my abstracts in the ev.

6th. Day 23 Occupied as for the two last days Our Sons went to Boston to day, as did Annie also — T. & A. on some matters relating to their Marriage — the latter was here a few minutes on their return

7th. Day 24th After the many duties which require in these days my attention I went with Wd Sand Sears in his buggy to our lots by the new road — and travelled over the whole of the latter as far as it is conveniently practicable with wheels both from its western commencement to the Alms House lot whence we returned by the Middle road. The new road will be when completed one of the finest Summer drives in the United States but it will cost a large sum and be a heavy tax on the place — on our return borrowed of W. S. a Rule to show my family, which was taken with [illegible] from an Aunt Hill for his daughters flower Beds — rem.d the day given to my usual duties at the C.G. House, mothers &c

1st. Day At meetg. at Spring St. House as mothers between meetings and after assisting at her removals — and spending the most of the time with her till the 2 p.m. Miss Harriet Perry reported to be in a dying State — Sister Susan was there most of the day. Brother Ben. there also — they of course feel anx

by as the blighted hopes of their Son by this apparent premature death of his betrothed

2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th. These days have been devoted to pressing home, filial & business duties — daily at mothers to render the needed aid — on 5th day she was not able to leave her bed, owing probably to the change of the weather, as Dr. Rotch, who was called at her request supposed, — On this & seventh days — had some articles on and of the Shirley Co's business — a large pay. without being furnished by the Agent with the means as I expected — Preceded only by temporary loans — Annie Wales who is now daughter in law on the 4th Inst — According to her & Thomas's present expectations died with his today — I have given all the time I could Spare from the most urgent current duties to making abstracts of my meteorological journal to send to Washington — and a couple more days must be devoted to the same object Rodman Morgan was here in the eve — and Andw Cobleigh & his bro: Jona called here this afternoon — the latter to take leave, as he expects to return home next week

1st day 10th 2d — 2 30/3 At Mg. as usual at Spring St. Spent with mother there for the day; & to see our son Francis & his wife who [illegible] On 1st day Attended Spent some hours at Brothers — & [illegible] manner of the day at home & read the Dr. Journal &c the next day Spent in my home and Ch House and other duties — the approaching marriage of our son Thomas talking of course much of the attention of the family

3d day 4th Since the departure of old Walter to visit his Children in N.Y. State I have had to perform some of the duties for the family which he fulfilled attending to the fires in the morning &c but this morning our Irish lad James O'Connell came to offer his services and I let him remain on trial, gave some attention to Ch House &c. in the forenoon — Dined early and at 2 Oclk we went to Eben: Perry's where Thomas Wiley

has been living with her sister Mrs P. — none of the Perry family except Chs Randall being there. on acct of the recent death of Harriet who was engaged to be married to our Nephew Wm L. Rodman — and no others beyond our own particular family — about ½ past 2 the bride & groom appeared and were united in marriage by the Rev. Chs Hoyer in the forms of the Episcopal Ch: of which Anne is a member — in a pleasing and impressive manner — and after a little quiet conversation among the small marriage party and a look at the bridal presents the young couple set off in the N. Y. train via Stonington and the families separated — An accident which occurred in Dr. Wards handicraft obliged me to leave rather abruptly in advance of the others to make a Call on the Dr — (my Meteorological abstracts — occupied me chiefly the rem: of the day & eve — calling as usual at Mothers to assist in removing her to her bed — Thos & Anne will stop a few days in N. York & Phil: a before going to his place of business at Bloomsburg Penn: a. 4th day 5th 5th day 6th 6th day 7th — My time and attention for three days have chiefly been given to my Meteorological abstracts and current duties at the Counting house & Mothers — Mr Lad James relieving me from the manual duties which I before attended to. — This day our new Daughter Elizabeth with her husband our Son Frank dined & finished the day with us 7th day 8th 1st day 9th 2d day 10th 3d day 11th 4th day 12th 5th day 13th 6th day 14th These days have been spent in this performance of my usual duties — meeting at Spring St — at the Ch: House and at Mothers — giving all my leisure at morning eve & most of several of the days to my Meteorological abstracts which I completed to 1848 & sent the half yearly Foolscap book in which they were record-

to L. Blodget Meteorologist of the Smithsonian Institution Washington D.C. — yesterday 6th day 14th Though I have dispatched my book of Monthly & Av.d Abstracts to the end of 1848 I am still engaged as my pressing duties permit in making abstracts of the four following years which I have promised to forward when Completed — Was at the Cg. House, Mothers &c as usual; — found Sister Lydia & Sarah Sears had come, with Micah to see her — Mother has had much pleasure for — merly from S. Sears' visit and again much enjoyed hearing her kind and religious Sympathy Had a Conversation with M. H. R. on the Fall River business — The factory continues to do well — The Visitors left in the afternoon Cars My br.d Sister to return to Fall River and S. Sears to her home in Boston — W.J. given to my Meteorological and the rest of the day at the Cg House Rebecca Francis & Eliz.h were with us at tea — A small barn on the Tallman lot near my Mothers on Pippchere Street was burned in the Eve.g —

1st. day 16th — 2d. day. 3d day. 4th day 5th day 6th day 7th day 22

This week has been given to my usual duties and to the Continuation of my meteorological abstracts now drawing to a close — Thos P. Fisher my nephew from Phil.a arr.d at Mothers last eve.g — and he was at our house at tea 1st day eve.g — My attentions have been daily given to my mother in her transits from the bed Room to the Parlor & Vice versa. Mr. Chere Th left us on 3d day P.M. to make a visit to our niece E. Weld & family — and returned on 6th day eve.g — Thos had a very pleasant visit & delightful weather our dear Ellen & self met her on the arr.l of the Cars

Edm^d left on business for N York on 2^d day and is expected to return tomorrow Sixth Day. Our 5 Daughters with their Cousins, the Hussey's, expect to leave home on a short visit to N York & the Crystal Palace on 2^d day next - Our Children on an invitation from Mary Collins d^r of Stacy - Their occupation of Course have had some reference to their visit - home pursued my meteorological work for the Smithsonian Institution, mornings & eve^gs & at such other times as more pressing duties would permit in our Dining Room - it affording more quiet for such abstract pursuits -

1^st day 23^d - 2^d day: 3^d day: 4^th day: 5^th day 6^th day 7^th 29^th - Attended meeting as usual on 1^st Day, and spent the interval between the two partly at Mothers as usual to assist in her removal to her Chair and to be with her afterwards - in the ev^g worked till very late to complete my meteorological abstracts to send to Washington tomorrow - 2^d day walked to Wm^s Borg^n after breakfast, and went with him Fall River to attend the 2^d Meeting of the Pocasset Manf^g Co^y. dined at my Sister Lydia's - and walked along the wharves & passed thro the Linen Manf^y - and looked over the two flouring mills - Returned through a S.E. Storm - and was surprised and disappointed to find that our children and their Aunt had started on their journey notwithstanding the Storm which was very severe, as predicted by the barometer - on 3^d day morg we learned that the boat (the Bay State) in which they started from Fall River had just back to that place - She having met with some damage off Point Judith after lying 4 hours at Newport - The party with Jos Hathaway were at Niantic on 3^d day and went on in the Empire State to the ev^g and at N York as I the next morng - - Our family thus reduced - Edm^d only with us, and Harriet who left his last

week on a visit to her friends in Newport — was pleasantly increased on 4th day at tea by Frank and his bride. who returned the week day and remained till this e/n — rendered the usual assistance at mothers except on 6th day when she was too much unwell to leave her bed having had a very wakeful night — in part perhaps induced by the unusual excite[t] of yesterday consequent on a visit from Mary Worcester. Alice & the baby, with Julia & Annie Carter from Sister Lydias at F. River — with others of the families here — I have chiefly given my time to C[y] House business — and to reading at home the papers which I was obliged to neglect while making the Meteorological abstracts — I have risen by or before day light and read before breakfast — religious & Theosophical tracts & the news papers — 1st day 30th 2 day, 31st 3 day 11m[o] 1, 4th day 2. 5th day 3 6th day 11m[o] 4th 5th 7th 5th & 1. day 11m[o] 6th. Occupied with my usual duties, at home, at the C[y] House & at mothers, where I have been twice or more each day to aid in her daily transits from and to her beds — with little requiring particular note — We had our dear Sister Hetty Hussey with our Common Children and Anna Mitchell with us at tea on 1st day e/n — Frank & Eliz[a] were also with us on 7th day at tea — I attended a political meet[g] at the City Hall on 5th day e/n and heard a Statesmanlike address from Edw[d] Everett — whom I rank among the first men in the Nation — and the next e/n I went to hear Chf Sumner on the other side viz in support of the New Constitution with which the Coalitionists hope to cheat the people to sustain them in power & in the enjoyment of the loaves & fishes inducing them to trample on the first principles of Right & Republican

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Government in making & fixing (notwithstanding their illusory proportion for 1856) a minority authority and control of the Legislature — Thus disfranchising one third of the inhabitants of the large cities and towns — and transferring their just political influence to the smaller population of the Country localities — Sumner spoke like a demagogue to cajole; Everett like a high minded honest and talented Statesman to support the wrong — the Conspiracy which has been concocted against the equal rights & privileges of the people — to obtain the the power & patronage of the State in the hands of the unprincipled Coalition — On 7th day eve we were surprised by a telegraphic despatch from Thos saying that he was in N. York with Anna who his former letters had informed us was sick on his way hither — They arr. this (1st day) morng — She has been quite feeble and confined mostly to her room since they arrived Dr. Bartlett saw her this afternoon — I was at mg M.M. & P.M. at Spring St. House — at mothers between & after mgs — She has been pretty well for her these last few days — I have been preparing for leave for Shirley to-morrow which has obliged me to forego some of the more congenial employments of my time to day — Ew. & Nelly Haines our newly allied bro: & sister & Walter Mitchell called — & Fred & Lizzie were here at Tea — and bro. Wm & Eddie Molley in the eve.

2d day 7th 3d day 8th 4th day 9th 5th day 10th 6th day 11th 7th day 12th 1st day 13th left home on 2d day morning for Shirley — Called at Alex Patterson & Co's Store and took the noon train & reached Shir-

by about 2 — and took my lodging at Ladies Room where they are always kindly attentive to my accommodation finished the day and wd. at the Lastly. Office — A.G. Sill absent to buy Cotton &c — I saw him a few minutes in Boston gave my attention through the week till 4th day noon to the Accounts and without being able to complete my investigations — left Shirley in the 2nd day train and rode on arrival to the Proo.r Station — which occupied more than half of the time of the ride from Shirley As I had to wait some time for the hour of the Cars Starting, I went to Ladies Room and read till near 4 — when I took my Seat in the Cars & Continued my reading till it became too dark — Walked from the Depot — and left my trunk to be brought by Wentworth — Had the happiness to find our Children at home & well except Annie who is better than when I left but still in her room — Our dear own daughters Safe after their perilous Passage & pleasant Visit in N. York. 6th day morng — Thomas who left home for Bloomsburg on 5th. Day passed them on the Sound — Edmund who went to N.G. early in the week was their attendant home I went to assist at mothers removals to day and attended Spring St. meeting — She has been about as when I left her through the week — I spent an hour or two with her. Aunt Annie was below a short time also in the afternoon

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2d day 14, 3d day 15, 4th day 16, 5th day 17th 6th day 18th 7th day 19th 1st day 20th — My engagements the past week have been at & about home except 2 day when I went to Providence on business of the Printing Co — at Mothers to give my assistance at her removals as usual — On 4th day had a call from Nicholas D Fisher — who came from Scipio Ville New York to see about making arrangements for Starting a Grain mill on the premises of the unfortunate Cotton mill the next day he visited the building &c with a mill wright who came with him from his home — and the subject is still under consideration — At mtg. as usual A.M. & P.M. at the Spring St. House — D. Penn was at E Perry yesterday & again to day — and rode with them an hour or two after dr. & exercise the weather being very mild but She is feeble & at times very much depressed in Spirits — Some lingering of the fever & Ague yet being about her — Edm. was at Boston yesterday — Mr. Chace & at home with her Daughter in Law — Andw. & Sister Sarah & Hetty Hussey called — A leak this wg in our Cooking fixtures obliged me to go out to engage a work man at A.D Richmonds to come early to morrow to repair it — as the fire in the range must be deposed till its is accomplished — Saw Lydia Barney with Lydia Russell at Mothers this afternoon

2d day 21, 3, 22, 4th 23, 5th 24, 6th 25, 7th 26, 1st 27 My home and Cg House and filial duties have had my time & action in usual course, varied somewhat by the events of the season — Our bro: Edm.d returned with Sister Phoebe on 4th day — and 5th being Thanksgiving was spent away from the Cg House — I was at mg. of friends, the monthly meeting — and heard minutes of disownment from the Soc.y read against our Son Jos and D.r in law Eliz.a for deviation from the order in marriage — they having no wish to remain, as members since they did not expect to conform to the peculiarities of the the fraternity — nor to attend chiefly at their places of worship — We had them to dine with us on that day — which was observed in a similar manner I believe in twenty two of the States, as a Religious & family Festival, which traces its origin to the piety of the Plymouth Colony — An appropriate and salutary observance, may it be continued and be kept in a proper sense of grateful dependence on the Universal Parent with aspirations, and coincident efforts & endeavors for self improvement and social advancement in the beneficent development of the christian Graces — My D.r mother has been as comfortable as of late the past week I have generally been daily to assist at her removals to & from the parlor — I went to Fall River on the eve of 2d day and staid till the late train from there on third day — I went to see about selling my whf property; which my embarrassed circumstances makes necessary as it is unproductive — at a very low valuation — There was a serious accident on the S. B. train which fell

the Accom^n in which I went on 3^d day, but at a point between Boston & the Junction — Saw all scalded & one or more probably fatally. I was at meet^g at Spring St. and passed an hour or more of the intermission with my Dr. mother as usual on that day

2^d day 28^th 3^d day 29^th 4^th day 30, 5^th day 1^st mo^th 1 — 6^th 2? 7^th day 3? 1^st day 4^th

Spent the week in attending to my home filial & business duties on Dr. in law Annie having arranged with our son to meet her in Newyork on 4^th day. Her health being yet unestablished & Ma chere H wishing to see her cousin Hannah Walker who is sinking with consumption it was thought best that the latter should accompany her and they set off on 5^th day afternoon — Our dear aged mothers condition made this conclusion embarrassing but as the expressed a wish that the should stay on her acct. She at last decided to so — Sisters Sarah & Susan having gone to N.Y. Yesterday made it more unpleasant for H. to leave also they were with her (Annie) Ma chere H. yesterday when she was in her chair though feeble and the latter again to day, she being to feeble to leave her bed, as she has been ever since — making it doubtful whether she could again to her late very feeble Standard — In addition to my pecuniary & Cg hre troubles & duties — the completion by J. Francis & L Southworth of the Timber yard at the wh^f has had some of my attention — I wrote to Sister Lydia on 4^th day eve^g and she came on 6^th day m^g. a very acceptable aid & assistant in the nursing of our mother — On this 1^st day m^g Ma chere H. returned with Sis^r & Sarah & Sister Susan — Edm^d who went with his mother & sister remained in N.Y. for a day or two longer on his business — Ma chere H. had a very satisfactory though short visit — She was at mothers again to day — as were most of her other Children — Several times — She is very feeble so that it seems doubtful whether she will see the 15th of her 96^th birth day which will be on 5^th day of this week — We had calls this eve^g from And^w this Son Wm & son in Law Hanson Tucker & Frank & Lizzie were here this afternoon — and Edw Brown who was a passenger from N.Y. with Ma chere H called late in the eve^g. My financial troubles are many

2d day 5th 3–6th 4th 7th 5th 8th 6th 9th 7th 10th 1th 11th Passed the 5–9
week at home – in my usual avocations — more
frequently than usual as mother on acct of her increased
illness – She is somewhat better now – and last ev'g had
the mem.s of proposed disposition of her property witness
to give it the validity of a Will — Sister Lydia came
again on 6th day ev'g – Nan'l returned home on 2d day
afternoon – a change in the nurse took place
on 5th day Mrs Crapo Helen & Mrs Boomer for a
few weeks – a very great prostration of strength
made it seem doubtful whether she survived
her 96th birth day which was on the 9th Inst
– it seems now possible that she may be
in her chair again — My Cg House duties
have had such time as I could give these short
days from my other Cases — Edm.d was at Boston
on 6th & 7th days – — I attended to day (11th) the
funeral Solemnities of Job Eddy, which were
held at the Mg House on 5th & 1st. this afternoon
the House was quite full — Nathan Page
was there and spoke at great length —
A Mg. of the Pocasset Cg. and a contemplated
visit to Shirley this week have given a
direction to some of my movements — Bro.
Edmund still with us — Frank & Lizzie
have taken one or two meals with us —
the former here at Land to day — No very
particular accts from Thomas and Annie
– one letter only since they got to Bloomsburg — She seemed to be yet quite un-
well. Edm.d Bowen called again last ev'g & this –

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2, 12. 3. 13. Engaged in my usual homeficial and business duties at mothers several times whose slight improvement makes me think of a visit to the Mill at Shirley to morrow - where it seems necessary that I should now go. on acct. of the few days that my necessary attention to my own embarrassed concerns may be withdrawn, and that my attention to the accounts there cannot well be longer postponed - But the extreme debility of my mother has been a hindrance which till to day it seemed improper to disregard -
4th day 14, 5th. 15. 6th. 16, 7th. 17 1st. 18. 2d. 19. 3d. 20. 4th. 21. 5th. 22 6th. 23
7th day 24th. left home the 14th. at 9½ A.M. passed thro' Boston. saw Wild & Minot and made a call with F.H. Wild at Henshaw's on relative to the Claim on Willis & Co - found the same compromised by having accepted a Div. on Willis & Co's Estate notwithstanding. My advices from S.G. Morgan that the Claim was good against Willis & Co - Din at Shirley a little after 6 and took up my Quarters at Hale's - went to the Cg Room in the evg and pursued my duties there with my usual assiduity till the evg of 7th day the 14th. when A.G. Hall having been that day to Boston returned and from the fact that a writ had been served on him at my suit under the direction of the Dr mill Cg originating 2 years ago by the Dy Sheriff of Concord at the Cars stopped at that place - He attacked me most abusively thereby caus-

the loss of time and very unpleasant feelings — I endeavoured to reason the Case with him but with no effect & to avoid the Scenes of an open quarrell with him I thought it might be necessary for me to break off from my business and return home on the 2d day folly — After he retired therefore I made the sheet portions from the books W.ch detained me till very late at the Office — On 1st Day I walked to Mr Chandlers mg — and returning after the 1st Service walked home and some distance up the stream till the Second Services, when I went to the Universalists mg — at the Close of which I walked a little beyond the Shaker Village — and returned at the dinner hour on this day of the week ½ past 3 to 4 Pclk — After this Meal I went to Snell's house and asked an interview in the presence of L. Taber — and told him the object of my Call was ascertain whether I must leave on the following day — or might continue the duties which called me there — I found his excitement had passed off, and that he did not propose to carry out his decided alternative, of leaving himself in the mg. if I did not — I therefore after an hours conversation perhaps came away and concluded to resume my examination of the accts. and remain if not called away by the intelligence from my mother till the end of the week, which I did giving my time Chiefly to the Store books, which under Mr S.'s inter-

diction of aid from the Clk of the Coy, and the imperfect knowledge of the Store keeper had fallen much in arrear in the finely balancings of the Journal & Ledger keeping my accustomed diligence, intermitting only Sundays and meals - and at last had to leave to get home this evg before I was quite ready — Saw A Pat. Ellis on passing through Boston and as. as the usual time of the Coy. and had the happiness to find all pretty well, sister P. excepted — and that my dear aged mother had been again in her parlor to day — our Daughters were at their aunt Morgan's at tea, when Betty had a Christmas Tree and afterward at the Church to assist in the accustomed decorations — Frank & Lizzie & Abby Hussey returned with them and finished the evg here

1st day 25th. Called to see mother before, between, and afternoons. & found her better than when I left her tho' too feeble to be in her parlor again to day — Went to the House where Jackson's family have lived. but C. not gain admittance by the Door, C having entered through the back window, to get something and probably fastened it on the inside — Sent little Jas. Foster in the same way to get the garment left by Mary Jones who had lived there — Went afterward to see C. whom I found at Mr. Cottons as a boarder as before: and reproved for his disregard of the advice given her on different occasions — to find a Service Place. or go to Mr. Jones's till she could find one — Geo Hussey called

her at the Close of the forenoon evg & his wife at the end of that in the afternoon — Mr Chen H. was at mothers after her meeting and I went there at Dusk for her — we both rode home in Sister Sarah's Carriage She being there also. Frank called in the evg —

2. day 26th. 3. day 27th. 4. day 28th. 5th day 29th. 6th day 30th. 7th day 31st Occupied through the week in my usual business & Cares called daily & several times a day at mothers Saw bro: Wm & Chs on business who said that mother was contribute to my present relief by using a part of the money which for the last 20 years has been in Andrew's hands — on 4th day afternoon our bro: Edmund who has been with us two or three weeks left for home via Fall River I was at the funeral Services on the death of John H. Hathaway, the young man who was several months employed as Store keeper at Shirley — they were held at his brother Bradford Hathaways, and conducted by the Rev. Mr. Girdwood of the Baptist Society — a mild and calm afternoon and evg. followed by one of the most severe Snow Storms of our Climate; the wind Springing up very suddenly and with great force about 11 Oclk — the "Bay State", the Steamer in which bro: Ed. took passage was off N London as the Gale Sprung up & they put into that harbor and remained there 16 hours. mother has seemed more unwell these few last days, with new or aggravated symptoms — D. Roche in attendance daily & sometimes twice a day The mails were all stopped on 5th Day by the Snow and most of them the day following — I arrived this 7th day evg. Had an

unpleasant interview with A Robeson at mothers touching the St Jno Business – in which he made very grave and unwarrantable Charges – I have had a good deal of trouble with Chas L. Reed – one of the tenants of the Hard building on Union St. in my endeavors to eject him – in which I have not yet succeeded – Thus ends another year. a year of great trouble and anxiety – on acct. of the embarrassed state of my pecuniary affairs – It was ushered in darkly – and its close is not less obscure and ominous – There seems no hope of comfort to me and my family in these regards – Our Sons have moderate prospects of Self dependence – two of them as we trust happily married though Thomas has been afflicted by the almost constant illness of his wife – who has twice left his home at Bloomsburg, where he has a responsible position for the Iron Co – once to come here and twice to Cuba for change of air & medical advice – but we hope she will be restored to health and be happy with Thos in the Conjugal relation – We have been blessed with general health for which we cannot be too thankful. And under our adverse allotment, we must strive to be Submissive – and to desire that Spiritual good for which they are permitted in the adverse dispensations of a kind and merciful Providence – by the aid of that Divine Grace which if rightly sought and heeded, will be found sufficient – in all our Sorrows and trials: – extending our Vision beyond this checkered Scene of discipline to that higher and happier State which Christianity reveals – May we be more & more prepared by all we suffer here, for that Spiritual kingdom which lies beyond the confines of time – when the joys and Sorrows, the glories of this terrestrial Sphere. the wonders of the outward firmament, the attainments in Science and the trophies of Intellect in literature and the arts shall cease to interest us – except as reminiscences of the Past in the infancy of an endless being –

1st Day 1st mo 1st 1854. P. 3d. 4th 5th 6th 7th 1st day 1st mo 8

The usual duties and cares have had my time and

attention the past week — I was on Mg. the 1st & the 8th at Spring St. House — At mothers frequently who has been tried with the sad infirmities of extreme age. very feeble, uncomfortable and restless — We anxious days and wakeful nights — She has her faculties of mind but little impaired and She has given me striking proofs of a mothers love in my pecuniary embarrassments by supplying the means of cancelling two of my large debts to accomplish which Edm'd took me in his sleigh about 5 miles into the Country on 2d day — The Funeral of J. A Parker took place on 3d day, which I attended & rode with bro. Benj. in his Carriage to the Rural Cemetery where his remains were entombed in the Vault of his late Son in Law Jos Dunbar — The warm weather of 4th day melted the Snow so as to make the walking in the Streets on that & the following days very wet — and a slight change of the boot induced me to remain at home on 6th day, after having been at a small party at Sister Sarahs on 5th day eve made in Compliment to our daughter in Law Lizzie Sh. and Frank were with us the next day — our other Children being at a Musical assemblage at Cousin Sarah Arnolds — Thomas and Annie were to leave for Bloomsburgh on 6th day where they have been (at Phil.) about 2 or 3 weeks. I fear to the necessary neglect of Thos business — on acct. of Annies Hysterical Complaints

2 day 9th. 3d. day 10th. 4th. day 11th. 5th. day 12th. 6th. day 13th. 7th. day 14th. 1st.

The week has been passed in attending to the current duties incident to my position & circumstances — remaining at home as much as conveniently could be to favor my lameness arising from a bad fitting boot — My business at the Desk was some days interrupted by changing the Stove in my Cg Room and the arrangements consequent thereon — having taken into use there the small double Olmstead w.ch was some years since provided for one of the Chambers, but which was displaced by the family preference for the "Air Tight" — with this I burn the fine Coal sifted from the Grates of my house, with the promise thus far of entire success. Though we have yet had no very cold weather to test its efficiency at its maximum — My D.r Mothers condition is not any better. the discomforts of her physical prostration are very distressing — and admit of little hope of mitigation or relief — Her grand daughter Ellen Motley his this week added one to her great grandchildren — I had a little insight into character this week in an interview with Capt Jas B. Wood — to rectify a mistake to which he committed more than 5 years ago in the supposed Sale of an Anchor to the N.B.St.n mills Co.y — and on 6th day I learned the agreeable news that the Asia was at Honolulu full, fitting for home — I am very thankful for this rare instance of prosperity in my business of late years — Hoping that her safe arrival will cancel the balance of my indebtedness to Jn.o Winslow of Havre, whence She sailed — Frank Gunnell spent one day and night with us early in the week — I was at meeting as usual on First days at the Spring St. House to day. Wm Chase of Scipio held forth at considerable length in ministry — In the afternoon a travelling friend "Jones" and his companion were present and preached — I was

at Mothers before the latter meeting. She seemed comparatively comfortable — Thos. Fisher dr. this morng. from Blakefield and Went part of the way with us — Our dr. Ellen and one of her friends filled the places of absentees in the Choir of the Episcopal Church to day — Edm. went to Petersburg this afternoon — day 16th. 3d. 17th. 4th. 18th. 5th. 19. 6th. 20. 7th. 21st. 1st. day 22d. 2d. day 23d. 3d. day 24th. 4th. day 25th. 5th. day 26th. 6th. day 27th. 7th. 28th. 1st. 29th. The three first days of these two weeks were Spent in my usual home and Office Cares & Duties, daily Calls at my mothers &c — On 5th. day morng. I set off in the Cars for Providence, and attended both Sessions of the Gen. Assembly — to hear Dr. J. W. Richmond's argument in Support of the validity of the Claims on the State to redeem the Certificates of the old or Revolutionary State debt — He obtained for me through the Courtesy of the members a Seat near the Speaker — and favorable for hearing the Dr. Speech — sustained as his Statements were by nearly a Score of the Volumes of the legislative proceedings before and after the the adoption of the U. S. Constitution — in which acts are recorded in a variety of forms fully recognising the equity of the Claims — unequivocal evidence that the Equity and the honor of the State are vitally implicated — from the Stigma of a practical repudiation of which there is no escape except by an appropriation for the Payment — and as the merits cannot be misunderstood by the candid members — after the Dr. demonstrative argument which took or part of not the whole of the Second Session our hope that the efforts so long continued

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previous to this direct and personal appeal will be successful — on 6th day morg. having lodged at the Earl House I took a seat in the Cars for Shirley via Worcester — arrived there after a ride & walk in rain & hail about 2 Oclk having stopped an hour or more at Worcester and nearly as long at Groton Junction — where I lunched and went on my ar. directly to the Factory Office where I engaged in my work — and continued it day & eve with only the necessary intermissions for food and rest 1st day excepted till 6th day noon of the following week when I took the south bound cars and arr. in the city — The weather has been variable from moderate to intensely cold — so sudden was the change on 4th day eve and such the effect on the rapidly melting snow that the roughest and most slippery walking that I have ever witnessed continued for several days — I was favored to escape falls — or other injury from the weather — and to find all as well as usual at my return home — my dear aged mother so recruited as to be able to be in her chair in the parlor again — found our son Frank & his wife at our house on the eve of my arrival — 5th day was mostly at home on the daily business — and was at the Cs the evening in the same way having supped at both — till a very late hour preparing for the annual mgs. of the three Corporations — of wc I am Treas & Clerk — attended meetings today at 9 & 3 at Home and passed part of the intermission with mother — was then again after meeting having first been on an errand to the Cs &c — Eve at home with the females of the family — Rachel & read to us a manuscript mem. of the last days of J. J. Gurney &c — very interesting

2d day 30th. 3d; 31; 4th. 2d mo. 1, 5th. 2. 6th. 3. 7th. 4th. 1st mo. 5 Attended to my accustomed duties at home, the Cg. House & the 2 first days being engaged very late at the Office with inadequate means of of counteracting the Cold weather, took cold & that I have been since detained at home with a slight attack of Pleurisy, but not so as to prevent my working at home with the Sheriff mill & Rotch wharf Accounts, or as to require Medical advice — I was at Mothers when abroad, who has been pretty well this week for her - being daily in her chair though for shorter periods than formerly — Edm. left us on 5th day on a business jaunt to Portland — the stormy weather cold, with Snow which had followed the day of his departure makes us anxious to hear of his welfare — On 7th day eg. we had here the Ann. Mg. of the Rotch Whf. Coy. — to day I with Ma & Aunt H. who is again troubled with her eyes, were at home - and I read to her two of Hare's Sermons — & in the eg. Ellen read an extract from Chas Gurney's journal, giving an acct. of the death of her dear friend Hannah Backhouse, whom she accompanied on her 5 yrs. visit to the "Friends" of the U. S. & Canada — I read in D'Aubigné's hist. of the Ref. in England — and a chapter in the New Testament Hymns & family prayers to make them a Lord's day - Francis & Lizzie & G. Hussey were here in the course of the day - The weather very cold, with Snow this eg

2d day 6th, 3d day 7th. 4th day 8th, 5th day 9th. 6th day 10th. 7th. 11th. 1st day 12th — On the 6th of 2d mo. I completed at home the My preparations for the meeting of the two Mill Corporations of which I am treasurer — In the eg the two annual meetings were held of which I was clerk — and re-elected — On 3d day & most of 4th I was considerably at home writing up the Book of Records &c. &c. at the Cg House calling to give my aid if needed at Mothers — The remainder of the week — engaged with my ordinary home Cg. House and other duties — staying a little in to the evening at the Office — 1st day the

12th - I was at Spring St. meeting - and at Mothers - 2d day 13th - Engaged in making preparation and arrangements for a visit to the Mill at Shirley, ~~for which place~~ ~~after Eve~~ and in the evg had a Social Party at our house for our D. in law and her fathers family - Her mother was detained by her attendance on a Sick friend - Some of our brothers & sisters families were with us & Lizzie's aunt, and Cousin Sarah Haviland - On 3d day the 14th after calling to take leave of my Mother I went in the mid day train to Boston, and thence to Shirley where I employed myself with my accustomed industry through the week closing on 1st day eve - after a rude and wanton and abusive attack by the agent which occasioned the loss of some time - and in a State of mind not the most effective for intellectual labor - 1st day I had a very pleasant to & from the Middle village - heard an instructive Sermon and and in the afternoon was at the Universalists Church, at the close took a walk up Bowbrook with Mr. Perry the Dissenter and read in the Mem. of Mrs May Tell Clark - then took a twilight Stroll of a couple of miles on the R Road & I conversation - found DR Perry Jr at my lodgings - and a Sociable eve - afterwards Read again in the Memoirs - and closed by writing a letter to the agent - to ask some assurance that I should be civilly treated as the alternative to my appear

to the Cg. for their action in the matter —
2d. day 20th. took the 8 O'clk train at
Shirley Village — in the hope of being in
Boston in season for the mid day
train. but I was too late by 20 min-
utes — went to the State house to look into
the Hall of Legislation and see the Re-
presentatives of the People — called to
see Aunt Lydia — met her on her walk
and Continued some distance with her
Called at Mellen Minots & A.P. Patterson
&c — then with a Paper in my hand
went to the R.R. Station & remained till 3.
to ck my seat for home — where I ar.
in Safety — and had the blessing of finding
all well — May Praise & thanksgiving
dwell in my heart for the mercy & Goodness
vouchsafed to me by the Devine Parent
Creator & Teacher — and may I be of the
attentive the docile and active recip-
ients of his lessons of love —
3d. day 21 — 4th. day 22. 5th. day 23. 6th. day 24. 7th. day 25th. 1st. day 26th. —
A severe Snow Storm on 3d. day encumbered the Streets and made
walking difficult, and the thaw of the succeeding day made
it very uncomfortable — My remaining home Cg. the other duties
engaged my attention without Much Special to mark, made
daily Calls at Mothers to give Aid in her removals from her bed
to the Parlour & back — 1st. Day was very rainy — Three of the
4 Eng. Friends were at our Mg — two of them Spoke concisely
in the forenoon viz Caroline & Jonah Foster the other was

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William Foster died lately in Tennessee — They Comm on de Mission of Peace to the State Govements & the Genl Govt. to promote the adoption of a Arbitration Clause in the Treaties with for. nations — We had no Call on 1st day I believe except Mattd Hooper in the eve On 2d day I made a call at Eliot & Pitmans Office partly to see if I could get some information of the ground of the action wch they had instituted against me and Eq Harvey as the attorn of the other offrs of the St Mts Mill Coy — Saw Pitman but got little Satisfaction except that the "Bill of Discovery" wh they had filed covered about 70 pages — & referring me to Ellis Ames of Canton for the particulars whom they had furnished with a Copy — On Third day I went to Canton and spent the time between the arr. of the Mg & departure of the eg Cars at Ames' Office in looking over the answers to the bill filed by order of the S. Mts. Coy. to ascertain the legal & equitable liabilities of the several members of the Coy. for the immense losses sustained by P Company — Which disclosed a Cast of principle and truth & fairness on the part of those who had filed answers, which was very surprising — So voluminous were these answers that I could not get half through them, and brot the others away as also the bill filed by them above referred to for exam. at home — Since my return I have been mostly out at home & the Cg. House in examg & making abstract of the answer & of the proceedings of the Coy at their Mgs

to prove their false Statements and refute their charges
— On 4th day Eve I went with my family to Ge Hussey's to be
at a Social Comp'y in Compliment to Frank & Lizzie — Attended Mg this day at Spring St Hse — was at mothers
to aid in her removals and sat with her an hour
or two — called after the 2d mg. at Mary Gifford's
& saw Eliza Mitchell whom I had not seen before
since her illness in N. York — Chn Morgan
& early last week & bro Wm this Mg from their
visit at Phila &c — I called yesterday also to see
Aunt Nancy who is very well — Quite an
excitement has spread through the town from the
fact that a dog was mad and bit many others
— he & several others have been killed
2. 6th 3. 7th 4. 8th 5th 9th 6th 10th 7th 11th 1st 12th Acc't through last week chiefly in
continuing My abstracts of the answers of my part or present colleagues
in the St. Mill Co'y — attending only to my most pressing engagements
at home &c otherwise, I was at mothers as often as I could make
it convenient to assist in her removals — and was there some time
between meetings this day She was less well than usual and did
not leave her bed & was asleep while I was there I saw Aunt
Nancy after Mg this afternoon at the close of the 2d mg. which was
shortened by a fit which into which a son of the late Albert Gifford
fell during the Sitting — I then went to make a call of condo-
lence on Edmund Gardner whose Son John has lately died at
Cincinnati where he went during his illness, but not find-

ing him it home I continued my walk to the old burial ground of Friends, whence the remains are to be removed to the new one adjoining the Rural Cemetery — I found the spot where those of our first little Mary were laid — those of my Grandmother Rodman I believe are the only ones of our family connection remaining there unless it be those of Uncle Thos Rotch's little son, and several children of Aunt Rotch & Hazard — Dr Abbe & Mary Blatchley were with us this eve — Geo Hussey & wife & several of their children were also here in the course the day — I called at S Leonards after leaving the Grave yard to make some enquiries of his son in law Saml Wilbur 2d day 13th 3d 14th 4th 15th 5th 16th 6th 17th 7th 18th 1st 19th 3d mo 1854 & Rose Easly the 13th & made an abstract of Palmer's account took it to Geo Hussey, & with the papers before prepared to Ex. Gen Clifford, but he was going to Boston on the afternoon and could not Examine them or talk on the subject, but offered to take them to Mr Ames, of which I availed —

5th day, a telegraphic despatch announcing the death of Thos H. Morgan very suddenly was rec'd and his bro. Chas with his sister Susan & his d. in law Caroline went on the next day, on the 17th 18 at the Office & Wht. Chicky attending to the mechanical work, on the Scow and in putting away in an upper apartment the Counter &c from the Grocery Store now converted into a Block Making Shop — Went to Capt. F. Bs about the Broken anchor

was at mothers frequently to assist in her room — She has been pretty comfortable for her these few days past — We have had Ri' daughter Sue with us since her mother left home her father & bro' were here last evg — This day, at Mg as usual, and at mothers in the intermission and at 6 Oclk She had a call yesterday from Lucretia Mott & Mary Ead — on their way to Nantucket, the Steamboat being detained by the violence of the wind this day, and the sink drain led to the sewer, and had the Water Closet dipped in the W. Yard & cleaned.

Rebecca Winslow a good little friend from Dartmouth was at meeting this afternoon and preached & offered Prayer I called at Aunt Nancy's at the Cove of the Lee Neg on my way to make a call of Condolence on Edmund Gardner, who lately returned from a visit to Cincinnati to be with his son John in his last sickness — his death was very consoling — Ed' took his d'. in law home with him.

I called a moment on Judge Prescott on passing his lodgings

2°. day 20th. 3. 21. 4. 22 5. 23. 6th. 24. 7th. 25th. 1th. day 26th. 3m°. 1854

On 5th. day rode into Dart'. after an early breakfast to see the Widow of the late Rowland Rider, in relation to the Sale & title of the Farm, and get her views in regarding to her releasing her Dower in the premises — also visited and walked over the Wood lot partly belong to my father

Estate — called by appointment at Henry Morse's who I expected to go over it with me, but he was absent from home and therefore I called at Lewis Gifford's who kindly went with me and pointed out the boundaries &c — reached home about 1, after calling at Capt. Wm. Tuckers — have most of the rest of the week to my current business, at the C.H. Home & giving my aid at Mothers occasionally — till 6th. day eve. (my 62d. birth day) having been that afternoon into the Country again to see about the farm & its boundaries — Capt. Ed. Gardner called in the eve. and made some disclosures which, but our title to the property in fee at doubt — went with him to Bro. Wms. — and afterwards to the C.H. Home & to Judge Prescotts lodgings — whom I saw after waiting till about 11 O'Clk. & arranged to see him at his Office at 8 Pclk. tomorrow — Called in the eve. with my fathers notes & mortgage — when on further investigation I was confirmed in the belief of the soundness of our Claim — went out to the farm again in the afternoon with Josiah B. King &c. found about twenty persons assembled — made a compromise with the widow so as to give us the power to make a clear conveyance of the farm as sold got back about 6 O'clk. and called at Sister Sarahs whose horse I had for the jaunt and afterwards went to mothers; and then to Bro. Henrys to tea — with sisters Phebe & Elbree and

Aunt Nancy & Sally Howland daughter — Ma chez
H not being able to go on acct of a Cold — At Mtg as
usual on 1st Day — Chase was there in the after-
noon & preached, touching on the delusions of the Millerites
— which at the Close of the Mtg Called forth a rejoinder
from Obad Davis son of Jno K. who has adopted that Sect
which was cut short by the young man being requested
to cease disturbing the quiet of the Mtg — went to Mothers
between Mtgs & Heard the men 2d & again at 6 P.M.
to assist in getting her back to her bed — after tea Called
to see Aunt Nancy and Sally Howland, neither of the
Mtg at home — Nath Hooper Susan's friend was
here, who confirmed the favorable impression
which I had before received as to his agreeable and intellec-
tual Character
2d day 27th 3. 28th 4. 29th 5. 30th 6. 31st 7th 4mo 1st 2d Went on 3d day
to see to the Surveying of the Rider farm, and Spent the day
in perambulating the Swamps, woods &c without finishing
returned fatigued & with wet feet — found bro Benj here on my
return. he with Wm with the family at tea — 4th day went
again to the farm and found the field work nearly com-
pleted. Came home to dinner — and was at the Mtg Room
&c in the afternoon — 5th day devoted to review of my Survey-
ing Studies & Calculating the area of the farm. 6th
day at the Mtg House & 7th day at work at home on the Cotton
Compt books &c Weather rainy. 1st Day at Mtg as usual

and at mothers before & after the D. Mg - Called also at Andrews and took leave of Sybil Robeson now on the point of going to her new home at Jamaica Plain having Sold her house & Ground. a step which She now much regrets — mother seemed more feeble to night than usual — Sybil Robeson called to take leave of my wife — whom She met on the way to See her — I called on Sally Howlands to Compare my late barometrical notes with those kept by Sarah - with reference to the error supposed to be in mine by reason of the Quicksilver having been forced up into the Glass which covers the adjusting index — but could not ascertain anything Satisfactory from the Comparison - Geo. & Holly Harvey were here after the Pub Mg & Thos Son Geo. in the Evg — who called my attention to the Comet now Visible after Sunset in the N.W. 2d. day 3d. - 3-4th. 4th. 5th. 5th - 6th. 6th 7th 7th 8th. 1st 9th Occupied the Part week with my ordinary cares and duties at home at the Cg House &c — Giving or tendering aid at Mothers removals from the bed to her Chair & parlor — with some interruptions from business engagements — passed one or two evgs at the Cg Room — We had Geo Harveys family at tea on 4th day evg — when we chose it was obliged to be absent — her presence being required at Wm. Ratchi on the occasion of his wifes Confinement with a Daughter — On Sixth day — on walking to See the progress of the nursery men chose it made a misstep & fell bruising her face &c, considerably on the Ground — I was at Quarterly mg on 5th day — which was observed in this State as the Annual

Fast — On 7th day N. Hooper came to town again and was at our house in the forenoon & after a — I was detained part of the ev'g at the Eq Room — C W Morgan returned from Philton 5th day Mg. — and Sister Susan set off on 6th day P M with her Son Wm for Morris Jas. Rotches residence in consequence of the extreme illness of his Daughter Maria Hadson, as announced by telegraph on that day — Since which no later intelligence has been received — I was at Mg. at Spring Street as usual to day — where I found at the Close Mr. Hooper & Mr Blatchley also were — I went in the ev'g with Mrs Chase to hear Mr Dewey at the Mr Ch — and on returning found Mr Hooper here — who was as usual very pleasant in Conversation

2d day. 10: 3, 11th 4 12th 5 13th 6 14: 7 15th 1 16th 2 17th 3 18th 4 19th 5 20th 6 21st 7 22d 1 23d — On 2d & 3d days, the 10 & 11th inst I was engaged in my usual home avocations & duties preparatory to a business visit to Shirley on 4th day the 12th I left in the 10 Oclk train, having been disappointed of the many Cars. by some unexpected delays — On arriving I took an omnibus to the F. B. R.R. Thence called at Wild & Thing & Patterson Bros. and took the 4 Oclk train to my destination and took my lodgings as usual at E. Fales' Inn. about 6. remained at home the ev'g writing home &c. On 5th day Mg went to my official duties at the Mill Office, where I found the accounts in arrear for want of a full acquaintance with my wishes in regard to closing the manufacturing acc.ts for the period prec.g the 8th of Jan.y last and from the store acc.ts being thrown upon him by the sudden dismission of E. Fitts, who had so perfectly filled that Station, by the agent Mr Snell — from that day till my departure on my return on 7th day the 22d. I was assiduously employed at the books & accounts

except on 1st day, the 16th without accomplishing my wishes in regard to them — On 1st day I walked to the Middle Town and heard a good Sermon by a Deaf preacher from Groton on the Resurrection of Our Saviour, returned to the East Village at the close of the 1st Service and was at the Universalist Mg. and heard the farewell Sermon of the Pastor Rev. Mr. Smith which I thought appropriate & impressive finished the day in walking to & beyond the Reservoir, in reading in the interesting Memoirs of Mr. Mayo & in writing to a friend — The Snow Storm which was so violent and destructive at the South was not very remarkable there except with reference to the advanced State of the Season — the Snow fell rapidly from 6 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. covering the ground evenly about 4 inches, which as the ground was not frozen began to thaw from its contact with the earth the wind was fresh but not violent, the ground absorbed the water as it formed so that the roads were in great measure bare & the walking good on 3d day following — On 4th day made my first visit to the Mill which appeared to be running well and doing good work. Left Shirley about 1 O'Clk P.M. and was at Boston near 8. the weather rainy after I had got took an Omnibus to Eliot St. and after leaving my Valise at the Prov. R.R. Station I went to A Patterson Hoi Store, and after writing a letter returned to the RR Station by the way of the Office of the Daily Adv. and took my Seat in the Cars — which were more than usually loaded — which made our arrival later than usual walked home, and found all well, but not expecting to see me

as my last letter left my return uncertain — found Frank & Lizzie here. Thursday came the day of my departure for a visit of a few weeks — On 1st day I was at Mg as usual at Spg. St. House, at mothers before & after the Mgs and saw Sister Lydia who has been a couple of days there mother apparently better than when I left her. her excellent & agreeable nurse Mrs Hathaway; place being supplied by a Mrs Jones who is entirely disposed and I hope will be able to give Satisfaction — I called on Math. Tilbert & bro. Wm. after the Mgs — and we had Calls after tea from our bro in Law Geo. Hussey, & G. H. Morgan and Walter Pitch 2d day 24th. 3. 25th. 4th. 26th. 5th. 27th. 6th. 28th. 7th. 29th. 1st. 30th. My time the past week has been devoted to my ordinary home, business & filial duties. financial cares & obligations have pressed heavily — the usual attentions have been paid to my dear aged mother whose health has been tolerable for her. but she has disquietudes arising from Sister Es deficiencies in Housekeeping Management, which ought not to be — Called 3. or 4th. Day to see Harrison Penney who came home mate of the Ship Manchester with an injured knee which for want of judicious treatment and more contentious Care now confines him to his bed — he is a fine looking healthy young man and is under the treatment of D. Bartlett — from our experience with similar diseases I fear it may be long before he can resume his accustomed athletic duties his wife, an interesting looking young woman is much concerned at this dispensation which stops their income & adds to their expenses expressed much gratitude for my Calls. thought I could say not much more than that I thought D. Bartlett

large experience within the last few years with this Class of diseases entitles him to confidence and that from his youth and vigor of Constitution I hope his confinement to be much shorter than was mine, or our son Tho.s Bishop Eastburn was our Guest on 5th Day. Rev. Mr. Homer dined with us also & he & Mr. Lambert were here at tea, after which we all went to the Church and heard a good Sermon from the Bishop and Sanction administer the rite of Confirmation to 7 individuals, one of them our friend Walter Mitchell, who has left the Unitarian Society & attached himself to the Episcopal Church — We had a pleasant social time after the Religious Services — which were closed with Prayer, Extemporaneous from our Guest, after reading a portion of the Scriptures from the Prayer Book he left us in the spirit train the following Morn.g — He is a very estimable man in all relations, and makes himself very interesting by the extent of his information and the kind frankness of his manners. I have been for a day or two reviewing the Ann.l Books, or the D B & J. (one) for the Settl.t of the Estate to give my talent in improvement to the System on which they are written Mothers loss of her excellent N. Nathanney as Nurse has made my Hi attentions there like the absence of Susan at Butlermuts (whence she returned on 6th Day) and Sister Sarah's confinem.t with Anna Dunlap and her own sickness. She having since no professional Nurse, but an indifferent substitute in Eunice

Some steps have been taken to obtain Electro Montaqua

who has been for the last year with Aunt Nancy but is now at liberty — with the probability of a trial of her capabilities for the station — At Mtg. on 1st day as usual — and passed some time with mother after setting her in the parlor Wm Logan called and gave his Grandmother some account of the afflicted family at Bettsmills in the distressing ten days that he & his mother were there — Bro Wm's little Grandson Sam.l died of the terrible Scarlet fever which has been so rife in his Son Sons family for the last few weeks this week, a nice boy of 3 years old, a great affliction to his parents —
2.5 mo. 1. 3d day 2. 4th day 3. 5th day 4. 6th day 5. 7th day 6. 1st day 7th Engaged in my usual habits and duties the past week — at the Cg. house, at mothers & at home. financial embarrassments causing many anxious thoughts mother has been rather less well than of late. her respiration being attended with some pain — In preparing for my Cg. room fire on 3d or 4th day a block of wood by a mis direction of the axe gave me a severe blow near my right Eye which left a cut and bruise, but caused but slight injury to the organ itself — The subject of a visit of our daughters to Thos & Annie at Bloomsburg has had my anxious consideration — I have been very anxious for them to go but financial impediments are so serious that an appropriation seems of very doubtful expediency — I find it very hard to come to a decision though most anxious to decide rightly — I was at mothers between & after Mtgs — today (1st) Attended at Spring St. at both Mtgs. and also at 5th St. in the afternoon — which has now lost its Senior heads —

82 Francis Tulcert & Jo Eddy — it was silent — we had a very acceptable Prayer from Rachel at 8p8 St. in the afternoon also Com. in Prayer & testimony from Rhoda Howland & Jo Davis — the weather cool but clear. 1/2 Inch of Ice last night Firs. Eliz. much interested in their building plans — Thence read Quest to day in Osgood very interesting little work Gone with Ann our dear Sue detained at home with an inflamation of the little tumor on the lower eyelid which has troubled her to some extent for the last two years — It has now suppurated which I hope may prove the end of it — Sister P. confined by her susceptibility to Colds — She with the Girls were at the marriage of Br. Abbe & Mary Blackler at the Middle of the week.

2d day 8th 3. 9th 4. 10th 5. 11th 6. 12th 7. 1st 8. 2d 9. 3d 10. 4th 11. 5th 12. 6th 13. 7th 14. Occupied through the week with my usual duties & cares, at the Cg House at home mothers &c. financial embarrassments have caused as heretofore and almost continually for the last 7 years have given me much anxiety — These have compelled me most reluctantly to discourage a visit to our dear daughters to their bro Thos Lewis in Penn. which all were very desirous they should make by accompanying their uncle Wm who left on 7th Day for Bloomsburg — I have some doubts however whether it would have been safe for D. Susan to go as the inflamation of the lower lid of the left eye which has troubled her to some extent for the last 2 years increased in the past week to the point of suppuration — and it is yet uncertain whether this, as we hope, will end the trouble and irritation which this has caused her — Mother has been pretty

well for her till this (1st day) – a return of the pain at her chest on breathing having come on last night so that she did not leave her bed to day, & had the Dr Called – She was somewhat relieved by his prescriptions, and I hope will be able to pass her usual time (6 hours) in her Chair tomorrow – Anna Dreiber who has been more rabidly failing for the last few months had my wife to sit up with her last night by her particular wish – and found her very near her final close on earth – She however revived towards morning – and lived till 2 P.M. to day when She breathed her last – so quietly that those surrounding her scarcely knew the moment that the Spirit prepared by her afflictions took its flight to the Celestial World – I was there but not present at the time having gone by my wifes request to enquire after her – her brother John Henry has been with her for the last few weeks and her Uncle Charles when She has been since last autumn or her aunt visited his intended visit with Mr. Mrs to Bloomsbury – I called in the afternoon and saw the intelligence at Geo Hussey's Mrs Mr – Mr Eyton's & Aunt Nancy's – made two visits at Mothers and at the S.P.G. House heard two Sermons from Ch Coffin of Vauxhall Borough – a good preacher but more an old man with so imperfect enunciation that I lost a large portion of his Com in the morning – but less in the afternoon from having a nearer position – he preached at the Mariners Church in the afternoon & the meeting was ½ an hour later at Fred. house or that most – I was at the Cathedral before

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breakfast — Sister Eliza was with us at tea on 7th day and M.H. made a call on Susan in the forenoon — Frank & Lizzie left us 2d day after a months visit and returned to her fathers — Read this eg a chapter in Mr Osgood book to the fam[y] 2d day 15. 3d 16th. 4th 17th. 5th 18th. 6th 19th. 7th 20th. 1st. 21st — I have been occupied the past week at home, the C[y] the. and in the ordinary attentions at brothers. Some work going on at the wharf has taken some of my attention — On 4th day we attended the Solemnities of Anna Dutters interment Ma chere H has been detained at home all the week with a Cold which showed itself on 2d day — Rev. Mr. Weis officiated at the obsequies in a very feeling and happy manner — This visit to the Cemetery was the first that I had made this year — Ma chere H had marked with flowers the Spot Sacred to our dear Mary — I saw for the first time the Granite monument over the graves of my uncle Wm & his wife & two infant children. they have been removed from their original place of interment I spent one or two eg at the Store. and on 6th day eg I called at Ell Morgans and saw Jn° Henry Dutter who is now the last Survivor of his particular family — He will probably soon return to his railroad duties as an engineer on the R Road from Phil[a] & — I was at mg at my usual place to day & in the afternoon at the 4th St. M. John

Spent some hours at mothers at the close of the two meetings - and before breakfast I was at the C.H. House - Some abstracts of important accounts now taxing my industry - Saw Eliz. Ward at Mothers. She took tea here one of the W.I. Row week that I was detained at the C.H. House. Frank & Jno Hussey dined with Edm. here on 5th. day and the Cutter went to N York on 6th. day

2 day 22d. 3. 23; 4th. 24. 5th. 25, 6th. 26. 7th. 27. 1st. 28th. Occupied at the C.H. House in making abstracts of my whf accounts. to ascertain the exact cost of that expensive & Valuable but unprofitable Structure, rendered so by the obstructive navigation of the harbor by the bridge. The week previous was mainly so Spent & another week will probably not be more than Sufficient to bring them to the stage of the interest Calculations which must follow to attain my object - which is preliminary to fixing a price at which I should like to Sell a part to some Foreign large Ship Owners. if I can find purchasers Some external operations about the wharf and preparing the C.H. land on Maxfield St for a Coal yard has also as in the week previous had my attention - at mothers observed to assist her from the table to her bed - Edm. rec'd on 4th. day M.S. - On the 6th. day was Stormy & Cloudy in the afternoon so that the annular eclipse of the Sun was only for a few minutes visible through the Clouds precluding all minute Scientific observation of that remarkable Phenomenon in our region

our niece Susan Roberson was here at dinner to take her Music Lesson — and staid in the hope of seeing the eclipse through our telescope — I was at meeting as usual at the Brick Meet House — in the forenoon we had acceptable Com.ns in prayer & exhortation from Rhoda Howland & Rachel Howland — I spent the time between 2 Oclk & 4 with my mother who was very pleasant in recurring to the days of her youth — after my Pch. I called at Wm. W. Swains & Mary Gifford before going to Mothers to give my assistance — after Supper called at James Arnolds — and had a visit from N. Hooper after my return — There was a fine Coal night which much injured the build of the Piano forte many — which is owned by my br.r Wm. who is expected tomorrow from his visit to Bloomsburg &c — S. Roberson Morgan expect to go to Phila. early this week to be married on the 15.th prox.i and then is some probability that our dear girls who have been very desirous of visiting Thos. & Anna at Bloomsburg may go under his Care most of the journey —

2.d day 29.th; 3.d 30.th; 4.th 31.st day 6mo 1.st. 6.th day 2.d day 3.d 1 day 4.th

Engaged all the time I could spare from home at the Cg House & making abstracts of my whf accts. and giving some attention to the preparations for the

Coal yard on the Coy. Lot on Hill St Digging a Channel from the deep water near my Wharf to the Channel previously dug from the foot of Mayfield St Eastward — Gave my child at mothers twice a day usually — and Saw our daughters off on 3d day under the Care of their Cousin Rodman for a visit to Thos & Annies at Bloomsburg — the afternoon was raining but the night not unpleasant though the wind Came out from the North and blew fresh — and Cold — Edm Went to Boston on 6th & returned 7th day Eve — I was at Mg — as usual at Spring St. to day, and spent an hour or more with mother before the 2d She seems quite well for her — I was roused last night by the burning of a boat builders Shop & other building & some lumber in Jeffersons I did not go out as it was evident that the building could not be Saved — rose early & went before breakfast to the Cy Room — Concurred with Mrs Chew to let Capt Blackburn and Geo Harveys in the Coy — Read in the bible the SW. Adv. & Wordsworths poems 2d day 5th 3d 6th 4th 7th 5th 8th 6th 9th 7th 10th 11th Through the week gave my Attention mostly to the Affairs of my Wife and Co. interrupted only the most pressing Cases relating to the Wife & Factory — Going daily to mothers to assist at her removal from there to Settler rooms at Hellen Harveys. Geo

being absent in Newyork — Our Edmd left on 7th day for Phil.a with his uncle Chl & family & M J Rotch who all go to attend their Son Rodmans marriage with Josephine Craig a niece of our cousin (by marriage) Wm Thaxter — M H. Ruggles & sister Lydia were here on 6th day to see mother who has (for her) had a comfortable week — I was at M.g as usual to day & spent some hours at mothers I was also at the 5th St M.g in the afternoon, and read in the bible the report of the S.S. Union and in the Hist.y of the Reformation — Dr. Abbot & his wife called in the eve.g

2d. day 12th. 3d 13th. 4th. 14th. 5th 15. 6th. 16th. 7th. 17th. 1st. 18th. This week has been in its business hours from early hours to dusk to my abstracts of whf accounts and Calculations. not yet brot to a close. daily attentions at mothers as usual who has been rather more feeble — Mrs Chen H & sister the only members except myself of the family at home, rode round the Shore road on 5th. day and went home with her to tea. I walked thither from the Cg House, and they sent us home in their Carriage — on 4th day eve.g I had an interview with Ex. Gov.r Clifford and Wm. Aiken on the St.n mill Dam business. who discouraged my proceeding with it. a change having taken place which made the process

much more tedious & uncertain - providing for a jury decision on the conflicting allegations in the answers & Counter bills - coupled with the fact that Allen & Swille on whose instance in part the proceedings were begun, had joined the parties on whom alone they were supposed to be necessary to bear to avoid their share of responsibility, and cheat me out of the many thousands I had been obliged to pay on their acct. and all with their knowledge & consent - As I have no disposition to waste time in a perplexing law suit rendered so very unexpectedly embarrassing in its details & uncertain in its results though no claims can be more just on my part or the denial of them more dishonorable in their opponents: I saw Allen on 6th day and proposed dropping the whole matter if he & Swille would relinquish their claim to the St. Louis property bot. at the Auction for our joint acct. with Gen Harvey leaving to the latter & me whatever benefit we could derive from it towards lessening the losses which we had sustained by our own shares in the Capl. Stock, in paying their shares as well as our own of the debts (all of which have been cancelled) - I could only give my individual views as Gen Harvey was & is yet absent from Town -

I have not yet heard from Linn on the subject — Sunday as usual at Sp. St. House there were no Com^ns. except exhortations from Jos Davis and a prayer from Susan Smith — I spent a couple of hours at Mothers between Mgs — and in the Eve called to see Aunt Nancy, and with Mrs Chew & at Mr. Phipps — where was her Step Mother Mrs. Abbe to whom my wife is called chiefly referred — and bro of Mrs P. of the Medical profession who is her attendant — She being much an invalide from some Chronic infirmity — She was reclining on the Sofa but interesting in appearance & manner & she impressed my wife to whom her conversation was addressed Capt Wm Matthews & wife were also there — Sister P. visited Mrs Phipps on 6th day but took cold which confined her to the house to day — I called to see Jon^a Roberts a few minutes between Mgs — his health much as when he was here last Summer — Financial troubles continue to press upon me — Our accounts from our children in Penn^a are very pleasant Thos & Anna appear to enjoy very much Sue & Ellen's visit — They are much pleased with the place & the region of Country —

2d day 19th. 3d. 20th. 4th 21st. 5th 22d. 6th 23d 7th 24th 1st. day 25th. The past week has been devoted to Cg House business & to my duties as mother & at home — Our reduced family has allowed more hours & thought to the business which has like the weeks preceding claimed most of my time at the Cg House — Had a call from Thos. Allen about the proposition which I made to him to relinquish the law proceedings to recover the money which I had lost by the D. mill. or paid as fees on the acct. of the Concern from my own resources — He gave me to understand that he & the others were inclined to accept it — but Snell required other concessions which I was not all disposed to submit to — gave him my mind pretty plainly but not offensively as to my view of the part which he & Snell were acting and finished the cg without any further satisfaction — We had Frank & Lizzie to dine with us yesterday — I spent the time after 1 to day till 2 Pd & was then again called to assist her to bed. Read in the bible in the m.g & spent some hours at the Cg House before breakfast — Read the Salem News. Received the book sent to me by Jno. G. Proud on Domestic Slavery & looked over a n° of the Peace Advocate — a friend from Ohio (Eddy) preached this forenoon & D Gray made an exhortation Pd at the Store

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2d. day 26th. 3d day 27. 4th. day 28th. 5th. day 29th. 6th. day 30th.
7th. day 7mo 1. 1st. 7mo 2d. The past week has been devoted to the subject of the Calculations relating to the abstracts of my wharf Accounts which have had of late the chief attention of my business hours, with as little exception as circumstances would permit — home Cares & my duties as Trustees, which have daily & repeatedly rendered necessary — and the Consultations and Correspondence of the Trustees of Mothers Fund for abating the Nuisance Consequent on its being occupied by numerous Irish families — Mother H left on 4th. day afternoon to make a short visit to our niece Sybil Robbins at Brooklyne. and returned on 7th. day eve. — without the occurrence of anything to mar her enjoyment during her absence — Sister P & I being the only ones at table while she was gone — Financial Cares & anxieties have pressed heavily through the week but through the kindness of my brother Wm Micah a further loan from Mothers means in the hands of the latter as agent of the Trustees &c enabled me cancel the obligations which have fallen due — But others of his magnitude remain for the present week which give me some uneasiness. but as in former Cases I hope they may be provided for without protest & the kind of disgrace which follows thereupon — I was at the Cemetery this morg. (1st. Day) at meeting at Spring

Street as usual — Spend[t] a couple of hours at Mothers, and making a short Call at Sally Howland's and, with my wife after tea at Mary Gifford's to enquire after Eliza Mitchell who is quite ill with a very painful Neuralgic affection — There is now encouraging for her restoration — The news from our absent Children has been pleasant 2[d] day 3[d] 3[d] day 4[th] 4[th] day 5[th] 5[th] day 6[th] 6[th] day 7[th] 7[th] day 8[th] 1[st] day 9[th] The three first days were of an unusually high temperature — The national anniversary had a counterpart to the Shows and excitement + noise and gunpowder in the Streets in great physical discomfort — I found it scarcely possible to be comfortable at the quiet occupations of the Shop at the Office — The dry State of the weather made the burning of so much Gunpowder hazardous — In returning from the Store through Purchase Street a little before 2 I discovered the Shingles on the roof of the N[o] Christian Church beginning to blaze and gave notice to the Crowd there congregated — on which some water was taken up to extinguish it — The same building was slightly on fire in the night — Nothing Particular has occurred in our Small family except that we had Jon[a] Robbins, & bro[r] Wm's family including Wm + Anna Robeson with us at tea on 2[d] day Eve[g] — My personal Case

was continued to the mains on the drains at my
mothers House on Water St. and some carpenters work
there required & some improvem.ts to adapt the
premises to the numerous sick families who now
inhabit it — whose negligent habits requires much
attention to secure health & salubrity in and
about the premises — Gave my daily & repeated
aid at Mothers whose health has been quite
comfortable for her the past week — on this (5th.)
day I was only there assist her to bed. — Walked
to the Cemetery early this morning, and placed some
white Lillies & other flowers on dear Mary Grave
met Capt B. Wood there who with his daughter
were there for a similar purpose and tribute
of Paternal love to an adopted daughter a German
girl whom he adopted when she was quite a
child. and to whom he appears to have felt all
a fathers love, of which her own developed
virtues had shown her eminently worthy.
— took the Cs House in my return and attended
meeting at the Spring St. House. Walked at the
close of the meeting with my bro. in law Grover
Hussey to the Site of Maud & Lizzie's house — which
a sweet retired Spot — I afterward called at
Mrs. Potchi whose premises it joins — I called
yesterday to ascertain if Dr. Geo. Clifford had

returned from Natt. – and saw him at his house – to ascertain whether his views remain the same in relation to the Suit commenced at the direction of the St Louis Coy. – Wch I found was the Case – The Change in Equity laws since he was first consulted – leads him to this conclusion notwithstanding the unquestionable legality as well as justice of the Case – The end of the enactments being defeated by the Clumsy machinery of its provision – I was induced to have this Consultation by a proposition made to me by A.G. Hull who is now here, & although not a Party to the opposing Mariners, sympathized with the others & was disposed to abet their success to Shield himself from his portion of my Claim which he is wholly unable to pay – and to Ch in Consideration of his large family & present poverty have had much to do with the personal hostility which his conduct has so often unequivocally indicated – I saw Hull in the evg at the Cg Room and concluded to accept his proposition to Close our accounts relating to all transactions prio to the Shirley enterprise, except the Debt to Anthony on which I am Surety for him – This debt he is to pay or he is able & relieve me from this liability

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2d day 10th. 3d/11. 4th. day 12. 5th. day 13th. 6th. day 14th. 7th. 15th 1st. 16th.

The week has been passed at and about home at the C[illegible] house & the personal attention to my wife's, wife's Cellar, Scow, and Brothers house has occupied my time save the ordinary duties and employments of home & the C[illegible] room, except that I spent the forenoon of Sixth day at the Court House to hear the affidavits of the Bridge atty's & to procure a postponement of the Case till Feby - and thus postpone (not prevent) the final removal of the impediment to the navigation of the harbor w[illegible] that Structure has so long presented. The affidavits of Pitman & that of J. Arnold, Geo B. Emerson & S. S. Hathaway & pleas of Pitman & Brigham Dist atty's pro & con were heard & the judge (Perkins) postponed his decision till the next day - & the Ct. has adj. in the afternoon till Monday, his decision cannot be known till then. The Domestic incident of most prominent interest of the week is the birth of a Grandchild. Our Frank's wife have presented him with a daughter on 3d day morg the 11th Inst. and things have gone on as prosperously as could be expected on such occasions of anxious interest - my wife has of course been much there - Geo Hussey who returned from N. York on 7th. day morg was taken unwell in the afternoon & remains so to day but, better. Our Son Edwd returned this morg from his pleasure jaunt as well or better than when he left home - thus all of the party have got home (except Josephine's friend who stopped with her relations in Boston) and passed unharmed through the in-

cidents & perils of travel which is great cause of thankfulness to the Great Disposer of Events — Mother has continued pretty Comfortable in her debility, but on one or two days she forebore her usual transits to the parlour. I spent an hour with her there to day pleasantly. On 7th Day morng. I called on business at Pitman's Office and took occasion to comment quite plainly on his and his partners Eliot Course in the Cross bill of 65 pages which they have filed, to obtain the Award which their Clients have Conspired practice upon me under the forms of law. A. Roberson happened to be present as well as Stetson the junior partner of the firm, and heard the Comts — I was up early this (1st Day) mg — took some flowers to our dear Mary's Grave, and then went to the Cliffe. Meetings & Mothers as usual and at the close of the last, called at Geo. Hussey's, C.M. Morgans, and after tea at our neighbor friend Howland's, and at Mary Gifford's, in the two latter Calls Ma chere H was with me, as she was on my return from 7th. and Mothers in the afternoon. — Called at A Roberson's before the afternoon mg to see Jon.a and Sybil Roberson — My reading to day has been the Epistles of S. John — the Weekly News, and Dr. Kane's narrative of the Grinnell exped.n in search of Sir Jn.o Franklin, which has great interest —

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Engaged chiefly with my C & H.R. abstracts (H.R. Wkly) — was at the C. H. on 3d day 19th to learn what would be the effect of the renewed attempt of Jas. Arnold to have the plea of Guilty plended yesterday, retracted & the bridge Case postponed till Feby. and learned that it was unsuccessful — I spent much of the day in writing an article on the subject for the Mercury, to show the merits of the Case and the great public interests involved, as inferred from the facts & observations of Capt. Patton's Report on the State & Condition of the harbor published in the Val Coug. Dec. Court Session: Our Son Edm. got home (Mill on 1st day 15th & the 16th — via Newyork he having separated from the bridal party at Lake George, who took the Mass. Route and got home on 4th day as previous as before mentioned — Our Dear Daughters & Dr in Law arrived here from Bloomsburg on 5th day the 20th in health, which is another cause of Great thankfulness. Sue's eye much better apparently than when she left us — She do not seem to have suffered from the greater heat of Bloomsburg & the 4th home to our more temperate and agreeable Summer Climate — My usual attentions have been paid at Mothers who has been pretty Comfortable for her through the week. She has now her grand daughter Eliz. Fisher who arr. from Wakefield on 4th day eve & have stopped through the day at her aunt's in Fall River. She and Sister Eliza were with us at to a 6th day Eve — Bro. Edm. kindly escorted our daughters from

N.York to which place Thomas attended them, when his business obliged him to return to Bloomsburg - and I hope he will be some time longer on such - I walked to the Cemetery and replaced the withered flowers on dear Mary's Grave with fresh ones - and at the close of the 2d Ms. (Sp.g St.) I went with Macken & and Saw our daughter in law Lizzie and her sweet little infant who they have named after our two loved & lost, one in early infancy, the other in the maturity & loveliness of womanhood - Isaac at mothers at noon - bro. Wm & Ch - were here to see Annie &c - She dined at her Sister Jos. Perry's, which prevented the former seeing her - My reading the Epistle of Peter, the omitted news of yesterday & the address of Peace. M. H. Allen: President of the Girard College Phil - excellent & Stirring Anniversary address - Wday 24 th 3. 25 th 4. 26 th 5 th 27. 6. 28. 7. 29 th 1. 30 th. I have remained in town through the week not having yet made it convenient to make my visit to the Shirley Mill C. House abstract relating to my Fall River Mfg property being the Chief occupation of my business hours which for the latter days of the week have been prosecuted at home where my Ledg and books & indeed down to 1850 are kept. for security from accident having no Safe fire proof depositle for so many at the Office or vicinity - I rented them there for perhaps a couple of months from the beginning of this Engagt. On my Wkly acct at the place w th

nearly finished when my bro. Cooper shop was
fired about two weeks since I took them again
to my residence — my usual attentions have
been given at mothers, who has continued with
out much change, though gradually
becoming more feeble. On one day she was
not removed to the Parlor so early as usual
say about 2 P.M. Our daughter Ellen has been
complaining for several days, with head-
ache fever & chillines alternating with some
regularity on different days which makes us
fear that she has ~~the~~ bro from her Penn^a visit
the seeds of their intermittent fever, but as she
is now in her own more healthful climate I
hope she may escape a serious developement
— This morng (1st day) she thought herself well
and went to meeting but this ev^g she is fever-
ish and poorly — Annie & Jim seem free
from similar Symptoms — Josephine Perry was
here at tea on 6th day & my sister Eliz^a on 7th day
I was detained at the store till late especially
last ev^g not knowing of Eliz^a intended visit I
lost nearly all of it — S. Rodman Morgan's bride
has been here to day & called on one ev^g last
week She has very affable manners and
I think will be generally beloved. —

We were surprised this morn.g by a call from our Children Jon.a & Eliz.th with her mother and the baby and its aunt Abby who were setting out on a ride — Lizzie has rode once before and the air is so fine & warm to day that it must have been good for them to be abroad at the hour they chose as well as delightful to her who has of late been precluded from similar enjoyments — which in her new maternal relations must have had a zest unknown to her before — There was an alarm of fire this eve.g — and one a few nights since but proved to be false & of trifling importance. I did not go out on either occasion — Jon.a Odell and I were at Meet.g at Spring St. House in the forenoon we had a sermon from a friend of N. Y. Yearly Meet.g Joel Battey of Vermont — the same friend was at Mg on 5.th day and at an appointed meet.g on that eve.g at the last of which I was — the attendance was quite small and the discourses interesting I thought than to day — Rachel Howland is confined at home from the serious effects of a fall from her carriage on attempting to escape, on the breaking of the harness she ran'd her — She is slowly recovering

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The past week furnishes little for Special record. My own engagements and duties having been in the ordinary routine, during hours at the Lighthouse, retracing the active operations of past years, which adverse circumstances have shown to be mistaken as to the expected advantage in a pecuniary Point of view to my family — in the result of which I shd Still have faith if my unfortunate Cotton enterprise had not brought me to need now the amt which was applied to my Wharves at Pale Rein & this place — I have given my attention to my Dear aged mother as usual who has continued much in the Same State of infirmity by the inevitable results of very protracted age — Our Dear Ellen has been the object of Chief Solicitude at home D. Bartlett having been called to her on 2d day Morng and been in daily attendance Since. the fever has been Slight but continuous — of a low bilious type — requiring great care & attention, which has been faithfully given by her mother and Sisters & he with favorable success. so that to day (6th day) She Seems better in the mitigation of the fever & a quiet State of the System which admits of a Subdued enjoyment, in the Serenity of her Sweet and loving Spirit — we hope with the Divine blessing She will Soon be able to leave her bed and again be moving among us to shed more

widely the sweet influences of her physical and
mental loveliness — Mr. Edm.d & Son Fras. went
to Nant.t on 5th Day & returned on 7th — I walked with
the former at the close of this afternoon.g to Franks
new house, and made a call on him & wife &c at
Geo Harry's Fifth Week made a short call on
us to day at mothers & as usual
2. day 7th 3. 8th 4. 9th 5. 10th 6. 11th 7. 12th 1st day 13th — The
usual occupations & Engagem.ts have had my
time and attention the past week — Mr.s Bell
& daughter & her friend Miss Hall were here
from 1st day till 6th They called at our house
& we called on them and showed them
some attention — but Ellens indisposition
would not permit Ma chere H to give
them that a formal visit would
require — They are very agreeable peo-
ple and the father has been long known
both to my wife & my own family — Our
D.r Ellen has been comfortably well throughout
most of the week — regaining her strength
slowly and settling up a little daily Our
D.r in law Anne has spent the week with
her Sister Perry including a journey of a couple
of Days at Middleborough I was at Geo
Harrys to meet the Bells on 2d day eve.g

We heard on 4th day of the sudden death of Susan Parsons — probably from Cholera — my semi daily attentions have been given at my Mothers removals from and to her bed — She has been for her Comfortable through the week — I was at Meeting to day as usual with bro. Edm at the Close of the last I walked with him up Arnold & Down Hawthorn St. taking a Coach at Franks Home on our return. Fell in with Wm S Rundle on the way — but the walk made me too late to assist at Mothers tea 5 o'clock Jon Edmund has made calls to Providence other week Business 2nd day 14th 3d 15th 4th 16th 5th 17th 6th 18th 4th 19th 7th day 20th with the passed week has passed with the usual routine of domestic & business & filial duties with Nothing of Special note to record, my daily visits to aid my Dear Mothers removals from her bed to her chair from bed room to parlor have been made. I have finished the long review of my unfortunate Wharf investments unfortunate from obstacles not foreseen, which reversed the promise which circumstances authorised in the past — in one case from Selfishness acting under the sanction of legislative Charter with

a design and to the rights of others which it is humbling to our Civilization to think of — and in the other Case from the Short sightedness which marked the plans of a Paul was outer power in their projections — There with the the effects of an unwarrantable prejudice in a neighbor whom I thought a friendly & just man have destroyed the hopes connected with my said enterprises — which fail can have been made important to my quiet & Comfort by the misfortunes of other large enterprises aggravated by want of honesty in my associates — Edm^d returned from Newport on 3^d day — and went there again on yesterday (7^th) partly or chiefly with financial Objects — Brother Edmund has remained with and our daughter in law has continued to be the guest of her sister I was at meet^g to day as usual at Spring St and walked with him at the Close of the second to observe the progress in Franks Cottage within the past week — Geo Hussey was here in the eve^g to inform me of the result of a conversation with Mr Clifford — which like those which I have had on the subject of the mill Associates found advises against the prosecution with the hope of legal redress

the prospect of poverty for my family. the result of outrages on honor & honesty in associates to whom I had given my confidence and for whose benefit I had staked my property is toying in the balance — and spreads clouds and darkness over the future. — Hooper was here again today on his way to see his friends in N York. Our dear Ellen is slowly regaining strength. She rode on 6th day last in Mothers Carriage a few miles with pleasure & benefit. One of the sad results of our change of circumstances keenly felt in my inability to provide as I have been accustomed to for the comfort in health & in sickness as I could ardently desire

2d day 21. 3. 22. 4th 23d. 5. 4th 24th. 6th 25th. 7th 26th. 1st 27th The ordinary cares & duties of my position have closely occupied my time business duties connected with my former relations for the last 4 years being the chief subject of this 1st the hours. sometimes continued through the 1st & resumed before breakfast, at home — On 3d day 1st we had Mr Charles family at tea and on 5th day 1st Mr. & Caroline Kaston of St Louis friend of Edmund & the rest of the family The intelligence and gentlemanly character of the former makes him many friend and

unaffected loveliness of his wife makes her a favorite with her acquaintance. We had this m[o]/1[st] day a letter from Th[s] or rather his wife had, informing us that she was ill the Country being very unhealthy on account of the Drought, — but the letter says he is better though the attack was severe. Loyd Paxton writ by the Same mail to the Same purport — to prevent undue alarm — We must notwithstanding feel anxious in view of the climate & the Character of the present Season — At meeting and at mothers as usual —
2[d]. dau 28, 3[d]. 29[th]. 4[th]. 30[th]. 5[th]. 31[st]. 6[th]. 9[th]. 1[st]. 7[th]. 2[d]. 1[st]. 3[d]. Daily succeeding ans[d] with one exception have been rec[d] from Bloomsburg advising of Thos[s] Canter[s] illness with fever — Rich[d] Drinker generally the writer — that on 4[th] day recommended some one coming to nurse him, both the female Domestics having been taken sick and off duty — — Mary Ann & and Dear Annie immediately decided to go to him, and set off on 4[th] day Pm under the care of Jos Hussey to N. York and perhaps to Phil[a] — A telegraphic dispatch yesterday Pm announced their arrival Safely at Cattawissa, and recommended my going on if I could — The accounts to day written on 5[th] day indicate no improvement, so

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that I think of setting off to-morrow - to lend such aid as I may be able - Thought I must leave under heavy discouragements from my present financial embarrassments heightened by the incendiary conflagration of my barn & its Contents, nearly the whole crop of hay, last night - My Cg the engag^t have chiefly had reference the past two weeks to the ano^c for the last 4 years of the tenure Hiram Sherman and it was my intention to leave them with him this morn^g in my walk to the Cemetery, when I heard of this added Calamity, as it may be called under my various troubles - I was as ing as usual this forenoon and twice as mothers. but the hour of meet^g passed accidentally unnoticed till it was too late in the after^n for me - I called before me that C. H. Morgans to learn the intelligence from D. Thot - as R Drinker directs his letters to him - The case so far does not appear very severe, but so as justly to cause much anxiety 2^d day Jan° 4 to Jan° 23^d 7^th day. On the afternoon of the 4^th I set off on the Stonington Route for Bloomsburg no telegraphic despatch having been rec^d to allay our anxiety about Thomas - At rather late mg to a defect in the Locomotive at Stonington and went on board the C. Vandebilt - At N. York about 7 - made an un-

Successful call at H. H. Barrow & Sons' Office in Front St. it being too early to find them there and then took my ticket for Phil.a by R.R. to Tecona, landing at Walnut St. wharf about 2 O'Clk of the 5th I then went to the Stores of Fisher Morgan & Co & Benj.a R Smith in the hope of gaining some later intelligence from our Son — but was disappointed. Dined at Bloodgoods Restaurant, and had my luggage taken to the Exchange where I took the Omnibus for the Reading R.R. Station Vine & Broad St. and stopped at the R.R. House for the night the extreme heat of the weather preventing the fulfilment of my intention of Spending the Sab. at my Bro. Fisher's place Wakefields. The detention gave me an opportunity to answer the letter from my Sis.a Jn.o G. Proud of Baltimore which I had been prevented by pressing occupations from doing at home. After breakfast on the 6th I took a ticket for Catawissa at 7 o'Clk A.M. and traversed the Reading R.R. road to Port Clinton being delayed on the route about 2 hours by a break in one of the enormous Coal trains which run from mining districts. At Port Clinton 75 miles from Phil.a we took the Tamaqua & Catawissa R. Roads about ½ O'Clk. and reached Cat.a about 5 67 miles — there I was able to get late & favorable news from our Son. and thence by Stage to Bloomsburg & Jonestown where I was at about 6 P.M. Found my wife & daughter in law well and Tho.s with more

more encouraging Symptoms. Though very ill & with little Consciousness of what was passing about him — from this time my time was chiefly given to assisting his wife & mother in attending upon him. On the next Wednesday (14th day the 7th) seemed to be the turning Point of his Case — we felt great anxiety on account of the strength of his delirium and deep Stumbers. in the early Stage of that day. — But later the Stupor & delirium abated & thenceforward he improved quite rapidly So that on 5th day of the next week he sat up most of the day & on 7th day his wife drove him out a short ride — and almost daily after. On the 5th day the 21st Dr Ramsay allowed us to set off on our return to New Bedford. This he was anxious we should do as soon as was prudent for Thomas from the fear which he had that either his wife, mother, or myself should contract the diseases which were prevalent there at this unusually unhealthy Season. Elias Drinker had been Tho.s kind & efficient nurse before his wife & mother returned. diligently devoting himself to the duties of housekeeper & nurse both night & day. Lloyd Paxton the youngest Son of the Col. — who is employed as Storekeeper of the Coy. and boarded in the house

was extremely kind and useful in watching and in various other ways then, and during the whole time of our Stay at Irondale. Rich.d Drinker & wife as well as their other Children Rodman & Rebecca by Calls and Services evinced their Sympathy and Kindness. as did many of the friends in the Village of Bloomsburg, the Painters Barton. Clarks. Mr. Ayer & wife. Mr. Fullridge by Calls presents of fruit &c. Dr. Ramsay was unremitting in his attentions, visiting him from 3 or more to twice a day through his illness — I was several times at Rich.d Drinkers & when I was there one or more, they residing on a farm Contiguous — which however, to our regret on Rich.d account, they are about leaving to reside at Scranton about 30 miles distant & ten from Wilkesbarre — I took several walks alone over the hills & through the Village to & along the Canal & to the Dam on Fishing Creek which flows by Irondale and which gives the power for the hot blast of the two Furnaces — One of which only was in action while we were there on account of the low State of the Stream. a consequence like the Sickness of the long & extensive drought which has marked the present season. The

average yield of one of these furnaces is from 7 to 10 tons at a "Cast" or from 14 to 20 Tons a day — I explored two of the Ore mines with the head miner Jn° McNich who was very kind in explaining the operation, and the deposite of the Mineral in the "Montour" Ridge, on the Southern Slope of which, near its western extremity Irondale is situated — The charge of the Furnaces is {n°1 23 Sept 5 hundl 18 coal 12 limestone} to 1 Ton Iron. average {n°2 25 C" 5 C." 20 C" 14 C"} 24 hour — I visited M^c Kelvy's furnace a new Structure on the Margin of the Canal which is of more modern Construction the power for the blast being derived from Steam Made from the by passing the hot Gases from the furnace under boilers before it reaches the Stack of air tubes, but it does not work quite successfully & they have to add to the heat by wood under the air pipes & more or less Coal under the boilers. — About 10 & 11 we left Irondale Lloyd Paxton accompanying us and drove to Catawissa (4 Miles) where we dined at the Col.^s very agreeably and then took seats in the Cars (at 12½) and crossed the mountainous region to Tamaqua &

Port Clinton, crossing Valleys over high bridges (one of them 125 ft. high & 1200 ft. long. Some on Stone piers, & others wholly of trussed work, Diving into Mountains, & skirting precipices at a rapid rate, giving Magnificent Views of Mountain Scenery, not unaccompanied with a thought of the possible failure of some of the machinery which might bring our journey to a final termination in a Moment — But the engineer appeared to run with prudence, slackening Speed at the Curves & high bridges &c. and we arrived Safely at Port Clinton between 3 & 4 — here we had to change Cars & walk to the Read Cars, cross. bridge over the Schuylkill and waiting some time at the Station house We arr'd at Phil. at Jones Hotel about 8 Oclk — Mot. much fatigued — here we found Mrs. Letitia Fisher & Mr. & Mrs. Platt waiting for us. but Mot. was so feeble & fatigued that no time was lost in getting Supper & getting him to rest. After which Mr. Chere H & I were in the Parlor with our Nephew & wife till near ten when they left to avail of the late train on the Germantown R Road to take them home. We left Phila at 10 Oclk by the Camden & Jersey City R R. — and were at N Y soon after 2 P.M. — Stopped at Del Monicos to dine and then drove to the Steam Boat "Bay State" — There we

saw for a few minutes H H Barrow: and B. R. Smith for a longer period. as we were compelled to go onboard earlier than necessary for want of a parlor at the Hotel. Rob't bore the day's work very well, and was able to enjoy the sail down the Bay mostly from the open deck — The weather was very fine admitting of a good night's rest — We were at Newport about 3 — and detained there an hour (perhaps) to land & take pot. — and were at Fall River about 5 Pm of the 23d — To avoid the Chilly air of the night, we waited till the starting of the 7 O'Clk. train (Pm.) — which was heavy & slow so that we did not get home till about 9 O'Clk — and found all well and expecting us. Thus the journey with the invalid has been successfully accomplished and our Son again in healthy atmosphere to perfect his recovery. — May we be duly thankfull for these mercies — I called at Mothers and found her about as when I left her — gave some attention to my business requiring attention from 1st Day 24th to 7th Day 30th At Mg's & at Mothers as usual on 1st Day and gave attention to house & Cg duties as I was able throughout the week — but a little feverishness to wards night & especially on 5th Day eg made me suspect I had come home with some of the Malaria Symptoms of Col. County — D. Bartlett came on 6th Day Mg. and thought it was

intermittent fever & prescribed for the 2d — I felt so well however at that time that I did not follow his advice — but a Sleepless (though not uncomfortable night) convinced me of my error — feeling the necessity of attending to some important business I went out, the weather being cold, so that I came back chilly at 12 ¼, after assisting to remove Mother — a high fever came on and I was conscious of little till 8th day P.M. 1st day 10/1 to 7th day 10/7 & 8th the Dr (Bartlett) ordered me to remain in bed till 6 P.M. and the next day I was below Stairs but in the forenoon reclining on a Sofa in Thos H. Howard's room from 12 till 6 P.M. to avoid a recurrence of Chills if the indisposition was the result of the intermittent fever of Penn.a — I was thus restricted to the hours taking Quinine bi-hourly & one in 4 hours — I had nothing that I could call a chill & little or no fever, but slept poorly for several nights whether from lack of accustomed exercise or disease I do not know — occupied in reading & sedentary occupations on 5th day afternoon I made a call on S. H. Howland relative to the Hay Scale lot. She having called to see me some days before when I was out — in returning took a look at the new Ferry Boat &c at the terminus on this side of the River of the F. H. Branch R Roads — met Sister Eveline whom I wished to see about the land in the Carriage & rode home with her — Was out on 6th & 7th days in attending to my concerns. the Int.n from, if such my indisposition was appearing to be subdued. On 7th Day I was at the funeral of our neighbor

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Paul Howland who died - after having been several years very feeble with Paralysis - early in the week - Frank & Marion Grinnell dined with us on that day (4th day) with their little Robert - I called the ee's. and gave Wm. Howland my sister Ei affirmative decision on her offer of the H.S. lot. Tho.s has steadily improved in strength & riding daily some hours, Annie being generally his charioteer. Edm.d absent the 3 last days at Bro.e & N. York. Ma chere B was troubled with a very hoarse cold for some days last week but it passed off favorably: On this (1.st day) I was at M.g at Sp.g St. House - but for want of knowledge of the Change to 3 P.M. as the hour of M.g. I missed that in the afternoon - called to see M. Gifford, & Jos.e Morgan Rodman not at home, at their own home on Sixth St. and also to see Aunt Nancy on my way to aid in the removal of my D.r mother from the Parlor to her bed 2.d day 10/9 to 1.st 10/16.th The week has passed in the discharge of my accustomed duties of the C.g House family &c, at Mother's daily to aid in her removals, on 4.th day P.M. I was at a Conference with the Trustees of the Shirley Shakers with A.g Snell & T.C. Allen at D.R. Perry's House touching a modification of the lease to honorable them (the Shakers from relaying & repairs of the floors of the Mill leased to the Phoenix C. M.g Co.y by submitting to competent referees the am.t which should be paid by the U.S Society to the Co.y. for the assumption of the duty & for the damages & losses which they had sustained on acc.t of the neglect

to repair seasonably after notice the deficiencies to high tide followed the settling of the shafting and stopping the mill — After a long conference from 4 to 8 O'clk the proposition was agreed to & references, 2 on each side agreed upon — they to chuse a 5th — On leaving I walked to my Ld's Bing — when Thos. & Annie with the other members of our family were visiting — and finished the eve — We were their only Visiters — Soon after we got home & retired to bed there was an alarm of fire — but so short a time did the bells ring that many in various parts of the Town were not aroused — The cause of the alarm proved to be the incendiary burning of Horatio & Hemptons large Stock of Lumber between Pleasant & Foster, North & Hillman Sts — nearly all of which was burned together with Six of the adjacent houses — Flakes of burning Shingles &c filled the air & threatened a wide Spreading of the Conflagration but by the vigilance of the citizens in watching the falling cinders no distant buildings were fired I repaired to my whf. premises which were somewhat threatened — and watched the buildings more North & West which were more exposed till the danger from the falling fire seemed to be sufficiently guarded against by the Parties more especially interested in them & then went to my wharf & assisted at the Engine there Stationed (No 5 from Fairhaven) in forcing the water

through several hundred yards of hose to supply an engine in the vicinity of the fire, the Cisterns in the immediate neighborhood having very early been exhausted which must explain the destruction of so many houses - One fatal accident occurred in the fall of Jethro Hillman from the Shed Roof of J. T. L. Ship yard where he went with inadequate preparation to quench the flakes of fire falling thereon - his Scull was hopelessly fractured & he was quite insensible from the moment of the fall till his death which was at 9 in the Morning of the next day - This local Calamity immediately followed the news of the loss of the Mail Steamer Arctic with hundreds of her living freight which has spread a gloom over the Nation - and is a terrible illustration of the recklessness with which life & property is hazarded in the insane avidity of this generation to shorten passages, which excites Ship owners to this mad Competition of Speed - The absolute number of lives lost is not yet ascertained, two boats companies fate not yet being known but it will range between 200 & 300 - Not One of the females on board is known to be Saved - I was at J. Hs funeral on 7th. day afternoon, & with Rachel & Thos & Annie at tea at Eben Perry's 6th. day eve Phoe & A. dined there, and Sue & Ellen visited them the

next Wg — On that (7th day) Ed & Thomas drove to Newport to Spend 1st day & see Wm Brown one of their Haverford School mates, who is there in ill health — I was at Mg at 8th & St to day (1st 15th) and at mothers as usual. Annie at Eben's in Thos. absence

2d day 16th to 1st 22d. Occupied as usual at the Cg House. Mothers &c had the furnace relined & filled last week at my house, breaking the wall on the N° Side to ascertain its condition — to my Surprise the sheet Iron tubular Casing of the radiating Surface of the furnace was found in good condition, but little corroded though it had been cased in brick work 25 years — The Soap Stone lining was replaced, for the first time wholly, though several times temporarily repaired with Clay &c — The outer Surface of the tubular encasement was much coated with dust &c but the difficulty of removing it, even by cutting out the netting at the escape of the hot air flue, prevented the attempt to do so, as the practical inconvenience is trifling, if perceptible — The Copper pipe enclosed in the brick work appeared to be quite unimpaired — so that with the repairs now made I hope it may serve us about as well as when it was new — On 2d day the Cistpool of the Cellar was cleared out and the holes stopped from which the foul air at times forced much to our annoyance — Thos Hood returned from their Newport jaunt on 5th day — on their Fr. Wm Brown came to this place about the middle of the week, and is R. Morgans guest. they

dined with our sons & us yesterday. I was at Mg. at Spring St. House and at mothers as usual today — and saw an interesting letter from Elias Hicks to my father when he was ill with Smale fever in New York in 1794 — it expressed a belief of his recovery & was characteristic of that Gifted & devoted disciple of Christ — This was long before any disunity existed with his brethren on acct of his unitarian sentiments. There being no Mg at the Episcopal Ch. our daughters went to Friends Mg with me in the forenoon and to the Baptist Ch. on Kmp. St. P.M. — our D. in Law went to the Unitarian Ch. & heard a Stirring discourse from Mr. Weiss on the late Arctic Calamity. Geo Hussey & wife called after the Mg Meeting — Frank was here in the eg — Lydia Underhill & Abby Hussey with us at tea on 7th day eg of my engagt. at the Cg House detained me from joining them at that meal — Thos & W. L. Rodman went to Petonp & this afternoon — I think that time wd have been better Spent at Church — These observances are too much neglected by our sons

2d day 23d. to 1st day 29th. Engaged in my usual duties at home at the Cg House & at mothers till 5th day AM when I took the Rail Road to Boston in the mid day train through Taunton called at A. Patterson & lost at Benj. Worcesters room. Left at 4 Oclk. Started in the train for Fitchburg for Shirley and took lodgings there at the Inn. which is now kept by A. & Waters. Spent that eg and the most of my time till 7th day

night at the Cg. Room of the Coy. reviewing the books and making balances from them &c &c — On 1st day walked as usual to the Middle town to attend the Unitarian Church — where I heard two excellent discourses from Rev. Mr. Gilbert of Harvard from the texts — God is Love and — "The Tabernacle of God is with men" — Called for a short time previous to the 2d Service at Mr. Hartwell's. with whom I have been acquainted since my visits to the mill — had a call from D. R. Perry Jr. the Co's Clerk in the evg. and made some comparisons my examinations of the Jr Items since the last bal: of the Ledger or the Trial bal: thereof

2d day 30th to 1st day 11 mo 5 — Continued my labors at Shirley till late on 3d day night — and started the next morning for home, Called at Abby Patterson's Office. and took the mid day train to N.B. and ar: about 1 — Stopped at Mothers and found her much as when I left, home to dine with my family whom I had the blessing to find all well. Thot. dear Debby heavier than when I left him. have all the appearance of robust health. In the afternoon was at the Hosiery Cg Room where a meeting of the Pk. Co. was summoned. at which I acted as Clk. and was detained till after dark in preparing an Instrument of Submission to Referees some proposed modifications of the lease of the mill premises at Shirley Ev'g at home. the junior members of the family at our Cousin Jos. Arnolds'. on 6th & 7th days resumed my

attentions to my private concerns, at mothers &c — in the course of which had several interviews with James Lusconb relative to a claim arising from his & his transactions in years long past for the benefit of his brother Richard. The upshot of which was his absolute refusal to acknowledge any responsibility though clearly demonstrable — This is another instance of the want of integrity when put to the test. by a chance & escaping the coercion of Law, which I have met with among men who have had a general reputation for honesty — On 6th day eve. our whole family visiting our nephew Redman Morgan & bride at their house on 6th Street. Josephine Sister Nancy is with her. all of R's other males fam. were there and the eve. passed very pleasantly — an unexpected rain made a little trouble in getting home safely from the rain — for this we availed (except Thos & Anna who took their mother & aunt in their carriage. of Sister Sarahs Co.) on 7th day eve. the young folks were at a benefit theatrical exhibition at the house of Wm H. Hathaway — I was at my to day at 5th & St. House. Susan Howland was there, the first time when I was present since her Cal. journey & the death of her d. Susan Parsons, the youngest of whole children has since died — I was at mothers at her removal and passed an hour with her before dinner — Quite a number of Thos & Ds friends were here in the eve. including. Josephine Morgan & N. Craig — Frank with us at tea Lizzie Hyd. in the eve. Chs Randall & wife &c

2d day 6th to 1.12th — On 3d. day our children Phebe & Annie left us for their home in Bloomsburg — Sister Ellen came with Mother's Carriage & took the Girls and I rode with Phebe & Annie to the Station — where they took tickets for the Stonington route — on which the new boat the Plymouth Rock was that night — I have been occupied at the Rock as home on the acct. of the Phoenix Cty. with the exception the necessary attention to the daily occurring duties — On 6th. day J B King auctioneer tried the house lots on Bowden St. but no sale was effected no persons appearing or offers being made to encourage proceeding with the sale as proposed — on that evg we were at a family party at A Robesons. which is the first given since Sister Annis & his Children's death — it passed pleasantly — Benj. Smith arrived that evg and left the next 7th day P.M. for Newport — the recent death of his Sister prevented his going with us to A.Rs — my semi daily visits to aid at Mothers removal have been continued, as usual and I sat with her from 12 to 2 this (1st). day she is comfortable comparatively. her kind & vigilant attendant Electra has contributed much to her comfort & quietude for the last two months. I was as busy as usual.

on Spring St House — both of which were
made on acct of the rain, which has been
copious & without much intermission since
yesterday noon — I called at Gov Hussey's
at the close of the 2d Sitting, and spent an
hour with our Children & the family. Our little
grand daughter now 4 months old, is a lovely
baby, and was very tolerant of the attentions of
her grandfather, ~~the~~ whom my pressing en-
gagements have prevented her seeing very often
— This blessed Rain will gladden the hearts of
the mill operatives through the Country who
have been partially idle from the protrac-
ted drought throughout the Country.
2d day 13th to 1st day 26th. My time till the 15th was passed as usual, has
no reference however to my contemplated visit to Shirley, for which
place I took my departure by the Fairhaven route at 11 20/60 Oclk
this I found a very pleasant as well as novel route with
some advantages over the other which will probably hereafter
give it the preference with me on my journeys to the mill —
Called at my usual Stopping place in Milk St and proceeded
at 4 Pclk — took lodgings as usual at the Inn. Mr Waters I found
recovered from his late illness — Mr. Hawthorn on of the Referees
on the case between the United Co's & the Phoenix Cotton Mfg Co's I must
there, he with Leonard Saber, another of the Referees having come by
the same train from Boston. We went to the mill in the evg where

I found business as usual to a late hour – the two following days the reference Sol. – and the allegations & arguments of the parties with the documentary evidence was submitted – on the first day, and the award was given at the close of the next – which I hope will be found to have removed the last serious cause of complaint between the parties. I gave my time chiefly to the accounts at the Office till late 4th day eve – when I took my weekly furlough from these dry & toilsome duties. On first day I walked to the Middle Town, and heard two striking and excellent Sermons from the Rev. Chs. Babbidge – with whom as an undergraduate of Cambridge I was acquainted 30 years ago as the preceptor of the Academy for 3 mos. before the incumbency of Mr. Page – I passed the intermission very pleasantly at Mr Dodge's home (the Carpenter of our Coy) whose Batchelors Hall is presided over by his Sister & Niece – I made myself known to Mr Babbidge at the close of the 2d Service – and then walked home and spent the rest of the day & eve at the Inn – in reading, and writing to my wife – The Sermons were from the Epistle of James – the subject, "Life a trust" which if so viewed and passed with a Christian fidelity to duty, cannot fail to be a blessing as regards this fractional part as well as the Unit to be completed beyond the limits of time – will be long remembered with profit – The mail waggon found me at the Office of the Co. where my labors were closed till my departure for home on 4th day noon – returned by the Fair haven route and got home a little after dark & found all well except Sister Phebe whose cold though better than in my absence is still oppressive. Frank Kimmell was here at tea & during the eve – Our family

had a family party — and made a pleasant visit at Geo. Hussey's during my absence — and some renovating operations have been going on in our Library which are not yet completed — Similar operations are much needed in the other parts of our Establishment. but which my long continued pecuniary embarrassments growing out of the unfortunate St. Mill Enterprise & the dishonesty of my Colleagues still compel me to postpone — found Mother much as of late — more serene in mind though not without annoyances from the bad administration of family affairs under Sister Eliza — I was at the semi diurnal attentions which her physical infirmities require of her male descendants. Thos. R. Fisher and Thos. Yerkes Esq. and left for Wakefield this afternoon. Martha Whelen was her 7th day to tea &c & our D. Daughters had their little Dep. for benevolence on 6th day P.M. Eve. tea by themselves My working hours have chiefly devoted to the Accts. & Records of the P. C. M. G. Co. since my return from Shirley — At Mg. to day (1st) at Spring St. House. At Monthly Meeting between Mgs. & at Eve. went to Walter Hawkins's before tea & after tea made with me there the a visit of Condolence to Rebecca Thomas & Daughters — and afterwards made a neighborly Call at Geo. T. Bakers — Edw. at Petersburg 2d. day 27th to 1st day 12 mo. 3d. Occupied much of last week at home with the Accts. of the Phoenix C. M. Co. giving some time to my own business at the Co

house &c and making my semi daily visits at mothers
called at D.R Perry's on 6th day & again on 7th day eve to
Dr. Dwight J. who came from Shirley to be here at Monks'
giving — and spent the latter eve at the G. House to bring
up my writing of accounts — 1st day was at Mg. at 8th St
as usual — and at mothers found her more poorly
than usual owing to the Cold of the night, which was
not Counteracted by adequate fires owing to the ab-
sence & neglect of the man Servant — and to his inex-
perience in the Management of the furnace &c
She was however at last made Comfortable and
the temp.r of the house raised to the proper point
though Some repairs & exam.n of the apparatus
by Competent Mechanics are required to ensure
its Satisfactory action — Read in the evening
my fathers letters to my mother in 1794 — when in
attendance on Congress as one of the Comt.e of the Y.M.
to promote the suppression of the Slave trade, at
Phil.a — & when at Newyork to have my elder brothers
& himself inoculated for the Small pox — they were
very interesting to my wife & daughters — and indicate
much of the Christian Character and devotion to a
faithful discharge of the duties and responsibilities
of his position, in Religious Domestic & Social rela-
tions — His preference for the principles and prac-
tices of the Society with which he was connected
seems to have been confirmed and strengthened by
the wider observation which those occasions permit-
ted and the Splendor of City Customs and fashions
of the wealthy instead of exciting any wish to imi-
tate them had only the effect to attach him more
fondly to his Domestic blessings and the secluded
home which he had left on a mission of benevolence
or to guard his sons & himself from the dreaded disease
which has been such a scourge in Cattt — but which as

the event proved he only escaped the fatal issue of the involuntary infection which by inoculation he hoped to avoid — I was about a years old at this period of his life — I called after the Second Meeting at James Allen's & Jno Warfield's in relation to Jackson's Children, and had a call by my request from his father to qualify me to write to Jackson about his family to-morrow 2d day 12 4 to 1st day 12/10 My time has been employed as usual at home, at the Cg House and at mothers — on 3d day called in the Furnace men to examine & repair the defects — its want of efficiency being mainly attributable to the want of knowledge in the management. Since which it has done pretty well though the man has not shown himself yet perfect in it — On 7th day was mothers 97th anniversary. She was pretty well and enjoyed the visits of her descendents about 38 of whom were present Wm & Anna & Jno & Robeson & & Sybil & Micah & Lydia besides those resident here our little Grand child was prevented being taken there by a cold. Ellens & Emilys babies of the 3d remove were there — On this (1st day) I spent a couple of hours with her after Mg. She seems as well as at this time last year and it is possible that she may see yet another birth day with its pleasant incidents Innes at Mg as usual — S. Howlands Sermon much longer than usual — I omitted last week to mention a religious Fam'y Visit which Sam made us on 2d day the 27th Ult? in Co'y with Jos. Davis who also spoke in ministry Philip Anthony's wife was her female companion. The opp'y was Satisfactory

We had a call from the Rev. Mr. Horton on 6th day eve.
and he preached at Grace Ch. 1st day – and as was
at tea with us this eve. Called G. Hussey's
& bro. Wm. at Dusk – and we had calls from Benj.
S. Rotch A. Roberts J. L. Hanson Luther Jno. Hussey
the 3 last after tea

2d day 12/11 to 1st. day 12/17 Engaged through the week with my
usual avocations, at the Cg. House chiefly with the closing
accounts of the St. mile Coy. at mothers to aid in her daily
removals, which have been uniform tile to day. On going
there after Mg. I found that she had had a very poor
night and that the D. had been called. She was not
able to leave her bed – We had Sybil Roberts bro. Wm
& Andw. Edw. Ellen Motley here to tea 3d eq and the next day
we met her viz machine H & Sybil at Chs Morgans with Andw
& Martha Wheeler and Wm & Emily Rotch in the eve.
Wm. having attended the lecture on the horse previous to
their coming – A concert took the young folks out one
eve – & machine H went 6th day eve. with Sybil who
returned home yesterday afternoon. To day we had
a call from Chs Paxton & bro. Benj. the former stayed
to tea – I called at M. Gifford after the 2d mg
and saw E. Mitchell whom I had not seen since
her illness

2d day 12/18 to 1st. day 12/24 Engaged in my ordinary duties the
past week at home, my mothers and the store & the St. mile
business, or accounts having occupied me considerably &

and the use of the Dredging machine on the N. side of the wharf, where it was last summer discovered that the depth of water was not sufficient for a loaded Ship. assisted at mothers as usual She was too feeble on 4th day to leave her bed but has been up as usual since — Harriet arrived last eve from her visit to her friends in Newport. I called after Mg to day at Geo Husseys having seen none of the family to day — the rain & icy State of the Streets have detained them from Mg — there were no women in the upper seat this forenoon — A scriptural exhortation from Hannah Tabor was the only Com. at that Mg & a prayer from R. Howland in the afternoon Our Frank was with us at tea. The children went to Grace Church in the Ev. but found that the expected minister had not come and the church therefore closed — they then employed themselves in dressing the Parlor with Christmas greens — —. I read in Herberts Poems. a Vol. presented by our D. Anna to Sue. as a Christmas Gift

2d day 25 to 1st. day 31st. Occupied mostly with the Accts. of the Stone Mill Co & making the closing entries of that unfortunate Concern — unfortunate in a pecuniary sense to all concerned but remarkable too for the sad revelations of dishonesty and perfidy

in the Stockholders & Officers associated with me (the only exception of those originally and deeply interested being Geo Hussey — the others under the Chicanery of Elvin & Pitman having Conspired to Cheat me out of my heavy advances on their account — and to defeat the proper measures which G. H. & the Treas. were ordered by the Coy. Some of themselves acting in the Unanimous Vote on the occasion to procure a just allotment of the losses among the Stockholders by an appeal to an amicable Chancery Suit which would have put the duty into hands, disinterested and perhaps from ~~Similar~~ experience in Similar Cases, more Competent to inspire confidence in the results — Thus disappointed in the proposed adjustment, no course was left for me but to attempt the duty myself as Treas^r — and the results have been obtained which have the approval of Geo Hussey, as they would doubtless of the others if they were, as they are reputed generally to be men of integrity — We had Frank & Eliz^a to dine with us on Christmas Day — The Dredging operations at the Whf — my duties as Mothers — with family Cares have tasked my time fully — I was at Mg. as usual to day at Spring St. and called with Ma Chase & at Sister Sarah's (She having been unwell, at Geo Hussey's and at Walter Mitchells. when I was for the first time made acquainted with his lovely bride — I was less time at Mothers than usual on this day of the week

Thus another year is numbered with the past — like others of late it has been marked with trials of an onerous character from pecuniary embarrassment anxiety and toil to me in addition to the marked events and vicissitudes of health and life which in the multiplying relations of Domestic Life & existence chequer our pilgrimage, our deepest troubles in the family circle having ended in a happy deliverance and joy made brighter by the previous clouds which oppressed us — And the year forms no exception to the predominating blessings which have marked our allotment and furnished Cause of profound Gratitude to the kind Providence which overrules us for Good — May I be more earnest and successful in the use which may yet be afforded me in my endeavour to derive the best instruction from these admonitions and seek more faithfully for a fuller and more Constant Communion with the Celestial visitant who is ever ready to bless us in the temple of the heart — if we will hearken and obey his voice

2d day 1st mo 1. 1855 to 1st day 1st mo 7 New Years day was but little marked in our family except in kind & very tokens of kind remembrance and good wishes I was busily engaged in preparing the awful St. mile Ans. with the delinquent and I have too much reason to think fraudulent Stockholders who not satisfied in have by persuasion & false representations sad the

me with about double the Stock I am intended to take in 1848
now have conspired to shift (so far as legal remedy is concerned)
their small comparative shares on me — The making out
of these accounts together with the concluding entries
closing the Books of the Co. have taken the 3 first days of
this week Chiefly, otherwise at my other business, my
private accts &c &c — at mothers to aid in her removals &c
we had Anna Robeson Hetty Robinson & Miss Lamb Girls
to visit our daughters &c on 3d day and ma chere H Shent
5th day eve. at A. Robesons — I was at meeting as usual
at Spring St to day and read in the New Testament. the
papers yesterday & D'Aubigne's hist. of the Reformation
French was here at tea — I went the intermission with
my mother who is in her usual State of infirm health
her other Sons (except Benj.) were there to aid in her removals
Grace Church was open but few of our family attended. the
old Arminian preacher not being attractive.
1 mo 8 to 1 mo 14 Occupied with my House & Co House duties
6th & 7th days Chiefly relating to preparing for a reference
of a difference of accounts with A. Robeson growing out
of the St. John business — the Referees Wm H. Taylor and
Henry Faber were to sit the hearing on 7th day after-
noon but the latter being unwell the case was deferred
on 7th day eve we had the Comp'y of Sarah Haviland with
her cousin Mary Bourne from N York on a visit to her
and the children of Geo. Hussey to visit us at tea &c.
my usual aid has been given at mothers — Called at

Ch. Grinnells on 4th day he had been ill for a week found him very ill but not requiring the aid of watchers out of the family Sam D. Spooner his bro. in law the next day - who reported his case hopeless - he died on 7th day between 3 & 4 PM - I attended the funeral Services of the late Capt. Ch. Wood who died last week, at the 1st Christian Ch. this 1st day P.M. he was a very good man & his death is lamented by his relatives and numerous friends, the large house was well filled - I was at Sp. St. Mg. Asbe, and at the Prayer meeting of the before mentd Ch. in the evg - the death of Capt Wood was very feelingly noticed by many of the Speakers 2d day 15th to 1st day 21 My time has been devoted to my home & C.G.H. duties the latter chiefly relating to the proposed reference of a matter between A. Robeson & C.W. Morgan & me, his associates in the S. Jr. business. At mothers as usual. She was too feeble to be taken up on two days - Electra her nurse having been obliged to leave on acct. of a cold. Alice Sampson is now there supplying her place. On 4th day I attended the funeral Services on the death of Ch. Grinnell at his late residence on Union St. On 3d day we had a visit from Joanna Rotch Sister Sarahs Girls & Mrs. J. Rotch at Wm Rodman & Josephine in the evg - I was at Mg to day as usual Sat mothers, walked thence with C.W. Morgan to his Son's, who is sick with Rheumatism in the chest. Called at Mary Gifford's on my way home & met Mr & Mrs Page, the first time I had seen the latter

Read in the New testament. as is my daily habit and in D'Aubigne's hist[y] of the Reformation.

2[d] day 22[d] to 1[st]. day 28[th]. Occupied a good deal this week with the business of the Rotch Whf Co[y]. consequent upon the death of Cpt. Grinnell Rob[t] Gr. My own business has also been pressing — Gave my attendance as usual with one or two exceptions on mothers daily removals — Our Dr. daughters went to Boston on 4[th]. day to make a little visit to their Cousin Eliz[h] Weld &c Ellen returned with Ed[d]. 6[th]. day Susan is yet there Frank Grinnell was here to dine & lodge on 5[th]. day & went home after attending the "Blue" anniversary Sept[r] 6[th] day ev[g]. — on 7[th]. day afternoon — I was at meeting to day as usual at 8[th] St. Gilbert Congdon was there and spoke forenoon & afternoon very well. he is from Providence a man apparently about 30. a very agreeable & impressive speaker. I never heard him before — I called late in the ev[g] to take leave of Capt[n]. Philip S Sherman & his wife Caroline nee' Hillerton. whom I sent for to Sweden, they expecting to leave tomorrow to settle in Iowa — I had a call from Geo Hussey after the m[g]. meet[g]. which prevented my being at brothers at noon. We had yesterday morning the interesting intelligence from Dear Thomas that his wife on 5[th]. day the 25 was confined with a daughter, and all things appeared favorable which is a great Comfort in these very interesting and critical events. It seems a great blessing added to their solitude, or rather to their separation from their kindred and early friends. May the wisdom of the parents

in rightly training this immortal Scion, so deeply grafted into their best affections, which can only be done by rightly disciplining themselves also for the blessed abodes at the end of their earthly pilgrimage contribute their important portion to make & prove it such to them, to herself & to all within the sphere, be it less or greater of her future influence —

2d day 28th. to 1st day 4th. My engagements of business a considerable (the chief) portion of which has reference to the Rotch Whg Coy, have been very pressing. The death of the Wharfinger has devolved the closing duties of his office on me. The annual Mtg of the Coy was held at my house on 7th day eve — Our Susan is still at Jam.s Plain with her cousin Eliz.a whose state of health since the birth & loss of her infant makes the kind attentions of her friends important to her — The accounts from Bloomsburg up to this (1st day) morning have been favorable so that it was expected that Dear Annie would sit up to day — The infant is large and vigorous — I have given my attendance as mother as heretofore, and she has had a comfortable week, comparatively. I called at Matt.s with Mrs Chase 4th. to see our D.r & Grandchild at our bro.s Hussey's — where they are all well. the baby very engaging. pleased & pleasing all around her. we met Mary Bowne & Sarah Howland there I afterw.d called at Aunt Nancy's who has got back to her own house again. I saw Josephine at mothers. Rodman

continues quite ill though better. Emily Robt is still much troubled with her knees, which seems to baffle the Skill of her Physicians. — Called also with ma chere H. to see our niece Ellen in her fathers — found little Tom drooping with measles — wch is also in N.J.R. Family — and I believe quite prevalent in Town.

2d day 5th 1st day 10 The past week has been chiefly devoted to my business as Treas of the Notch Wharf Coy & that of the Phoenix Cotton Mfg Coy — The annual meeting of the latter having been held on 2d day eve. at my house. which held to a late hour and was marked by much ^ratio discussion growing out of my motion that the services of the Treasurer which had heretofore been rendered without charge should henceforth be paid for the time devoted to the business of the Coy at the same rate as the regular Salary amounted to — this discussion being before the appointment for the ensuing year there was no reason why I shd not participate in the discussion and withstand the narrow views of Snell & Allen who have long manifested no friendly feelings towards me, the former having on several occasions at the mill unmistakably abusive & intrusive on my prerogatives — D.K. Perry the President coincided with them to a certain extent but not with any personally hostile feelings towards me — The question was finally decided after numerous motions and

irrelevant discussion by a Stock vote on George Hussey's motion that the Treas. Comp. should be $200 — a year and his expenses of travelling &c on his visits to the Mills or to other places on the business of the Coy. And I was afterwards re appointed to that Office after Lovell has exhausted his endeavors to bring about a different result. Geo C Beckwith was here on 3d. day. on his mission in the Peace Cause this day, the 6th of the month, was the Coldest that I have recorded in my Meteorological Jr. Commenced in 1812. the Mercury having been all day below Cypher and the Min.m — 14 — The lowest fall before registered being in 1821 & 1835, on both of which occasions the Minimum was — 10. I gave my usual attendance at my aged mothers daily removals to and from her bed at noon & at 6 PM. My intention of going to Shirley that week was put by by the inclemency of the weather and the great quantity of Snow and deep drifts on the R.R. track. Edm.d went with several of his Cousins to Boston on 6th. day PM but they did not get there till 8 OClk. being detained by obstructions or accidents met with by the Pass.r Train. he has not yet returned — I was at meeting as usual to day — and called at S.R. Morgans who is Still confined to his room, and at Geo Husseys to see our Children & Grandchild before I left town.

2d. day 11th. of 2d to 4th 11th. of 3d mo. I set off for Shirley on the 11th. in the Mail train stopped at Jamaica Plain at my niece Eliz Weld where our daughter Susan has been spending some weeks to recruit her wardrobe as her Cousin is desirous that she should remain some time longer with her, the health of the latter making it desirable that She should be with her — this is the first time that I have been at their residence which is a very pleasant one particularly in Summer — quite of a rural character but with neighbors of wealth & refinement who seek in the rural districts Surrounding Boston that Space & air which the dense population of the great city will not permit them to enjoy there my time did not permit my Staying but a fraction of an hour, and I took leave of my Daughter & niece and Franklin man who met me at the Rail Road drove me again to the Station and I took a seat in the Dedham Cars & was soon at the metropolis. called at Henry Patterson's & paid to the Fitchburg R R at 12 Oclk. when I found that a new arrangement since I had taken the midday train would oblige me to remain in Boston or vicinity till 4 Oclk. the Cars starting at 1 Oclk. As I had nothing Special to take my time in Boston I went to East Boston and went through the Sugar mill there. The head miller being very obliging in showing me over the mills and explaining the arrangements — The agent Mr Brigham has his Office in Boston &

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therefore I could not see him — after examining the mill I walked westward to the Ship Yard of Donald M.ᶜ Kay where the Great Republic was built probably a mile beyond the Flour mills — passing numerous intervening Ship yds & wharves — & returning through the main Street one or two squares from the water, we crossed the same Ferry by which I left Boston and again repaired to the RR Station and at ca Shirley Village soon after Sᵉˣ — after tea I went to the Post Office where I began, and continued my labors on the Mss with only the necessary intermissions till I left on 4th day the 5th Inst. for home. Stopped at A. Pattersons & left by O. Colʸ. & Fitchburg RR. getting home about 6 P.C.M.ᵏ — find the family pretty well though our daughters and sister E. were suffering from colds — & some Seventy — My Sojourn at Shirley had the usual incidents — I went to the Middle town on two first days and heard good Sermons from Mr Chandler, I stopped on one occasion at Mr Dodge's and made a pleasant Call — saw Sunday Sermons at the Inn — as usual: among them a Mr Adams of West Townsend who has a flour mill successfully in operation the firm being Adams & Bowers — they had a Dancing entertainment & School exhibition, but my Log engagements at the Office were not interrupted by these village commotions: at mothers as usual Since my return, the Rotch whf business has my Chief business attention — at my to day as usual. Mary

have changed the arrangement of the Seats of the Mg. Hse. in my absence — Called at Geo. Hussey's after the 2d. Mg. as he did at our house at noon — our little Granddaughter is well and has grown finely — 2 Mgs. at home, read in the Prayer book. S.S. journal & D'Aubigné Hist. of the Ref. Francis with us at tea

2d day 12 to 1st. day 18th Engaged with my various Concerns thro the week. 2 Mgs. out with ma chere H viz at our Nephew S.R. Morgens & again at 6th. Wm. to meet Mary & Andw. Robeson with others of the Fam. Circle, at Mothers as usual Rodmen & Josephine left on 5th. day for Phila. &c I was at Spring St. Mg this forenoon & in the afternoon went with ma chere H to the Episcopal worship, and heard for the 1st time the new Rector Mr. Rice, the Service being held in the Unitarian Ch. their own being under repairs — I was detained from rendering my aid in the removal of our Mother to the Parlor being detained till too late, by a very lengthy Sermon from a friend from Maine — I walked to Abram Shermans & looked up Michael Canning who had applied to live with me — Frank Weld called before our Mg was over & I missed of seeing him

2 day 19th to 1st day 3d mo. 25th Occupied with my home and Co. House duties through the week, had Adams team or teams draw earth from the Cellar of Liberty Hall to vail the Surface of the land I lately took of Mg Hulls for my Debt — Had an applicant for our Steam Engine from Newyork Swift no decision, nor offer on his part exactly definite — I con-

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cluded the long pending bargain for the Scale lot on Pemberton Street —

Some further enquiries relative to the fact ^ for a farm mile by a new party have been made & are to be considered — My attendance at Mothers as usual except when necessarily detained at the usual hours of her removal — She has been more feeble the latter part of the week and on Thursday ^ was there 7th day P.M. & night. She has been up but about 2½ hours on that day — She was better to day after being removed into the parlor and sat up till after 5 — We heard yesterday of Lydia Barney, our cousin's death at Nantucket, She having been unwell for some weeks but not considered dangerously so — her Sister Abby Hussey from Lancaster left her but the day before, expecting to have a visit from her in a few weeks, when the weather was milder & she a little better. Sudden & unexpected therefore was the exit of this amiable and gentle, and intellectual woman, whose loss will be sensibly felt in the circle of friends on this Island. I was at Mg. as usual to day. the Seats of the House (Spring St.) all cushioned and the interior thoroughly painted. I spent the intermission at Mothers & returned in ½ after the Close of the 2d Mg. to aid in her removal to her bed — She had a much more comfortable day after she was taken up than was anticipated — and I left her with the prospect of a comfortable night — read in J. J. Gurney's

Yesterday the 24th. was my birth day, admonishing me that I am far advanced in the journey of life three score & three is now my age — and my remaining glass if there shd be allotted me cannot be many — and with the rapid flight of time in the latter Stages of life will soon be past, may this serious reflection Stimulate to greater endeavors to employ it well, in the discharge of the duties which pertain to my position, which have reference to the near future as well as to the present — to what concerns my own welfare & that of those temporal & Eternal with whom Divine Providence has connected me in this State of probationary discipline — and may I seek for wisdom & strength to that Divine Source where alone it can be found.

2d. day 26th. to 4 am 1 — This has been a week of sadness and sorrow. — the sudden death of my brother Wm. on 2d day eve. has spread a pall of gloom over our family circle — and has extended its melancholy influence through the place and to the extent of his widely extended mercantile reputation & business relations that the tidings have yet reached — He was apparently well on 2d. day — and gave accustomed filial attention to our dear aged & infirm mother at the close of that day — was at tea with his family. Stepped out afterward on some occasion, and was brot home about 9 Oclk. a corpse — A post mortem examination showed an organic disease of the heart, and of the Stomach which thus Suddenly terminated his life

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— affording a Striking illustration of the Scripture passage that "in the midst of life we are in death" — Very few at his age seemed to have a better chance of life than he — if aware of their organic ailments himself, others were ignorant of them, as he never spoke to his friends on the subject — Our dear Mother has been since the object of our deepest solicitude, to us-from, tottering on the verge of life, we greatly fear that she could not survive the Shock — but She has been supported beyond our hopes, though her Strong maternal feelings towards this her oldest Son and on whose judgment & strength She most relied has caused the deepest affliction with which She could be visited — her children including Sister Lydia & her husband from Fall River have been Solicitous to console & comfort her by their love & attentions Sister L is with her since the interment which was on 5th day — Only the most indispensable matters of business has had my attention much of my time being Spent at mothers with some Calls on the Children of my dec.d bro.r all of whom were here on the day of the funeral, his daughter Anna Rodman came & returned with her father. he children being unwell the others from Roxbury remained through the week. I was at Meeting as usual to day.

2d day 4/2 to 4/8 On 2d day was held the adjournment of the Ann.l Mt.g of the Pht. C. Mf.g Coy. A.G. Snell Agt. being here. An

informal Meeting was held in the forenoon relative the pending Suit with Eli Page, his Son having come to get the Co. to withdraw the Suit. The conclusion then was adverse to his wishes, but at the adj.d Mg. in the eve- the Agent was instructed conditionally to do so, provided they wd not consent to letting the Case lie open till the Action brot by the Shakers which turned on the same point sh'd be decided — this business occupied me sedulously through the day — Sister L went home on 3.d day — our dear mother bears up under her grief better than we feared she could do — though she weeps much over her loss — Friends Quarterly Mg. took place this week I was present at the Public Service — and Rebecca Winslow called to see mother from an impression of duty and kneeled in Supplication by her Chair — which was Comforting & Consoling to our D. Parent — I have given daily Some attention to my passing affairs — mother was more poorly the latter part of the week, had the D. on 5.th day Mg and was not in her Chair but 1 hour or two the next day. The necessity of proceeding immediately in settling my brothers pe- cuniary engagements, makes his Children anxious to sell without delay his Splendid Mansion which is on a Scale of magnificence which neither of them wish to possess — and as the fee of the land is in my mother her conveyance to the heirs was necessary to enable them

to sell - with reference to which some applications have been made to them. On 7th day my mother was well enough to be up a couple of hours in wch time she signed the Deeds in writing which would have done no discredit to a woman of 50 - She had a pretty good night and was up as usual 6 hours to day - But the great Grief has worn upon her feeble energies - She has been hoarse since her attack of 5th day night and as has been the case on a few occasions before, for a short time to day lost the power of articulation from debility it is supposed by D Roche who saw her again last evg - Rachel H has been as much with her as health & would permit. and She & I spent two nights there week before last. Our son Edwd went yesterday to Petersham at the request of his friend Frank Emmile who has gone on a visit to his bro: near Scipio N Y - Ed: returned this evg -

2d day 4th mo 9 to 1st day 4/15 The past week has been occupied by my ordinary domestic filial & business cares & attentions Our dear mother has been pretty Comfortable considering her great debility - I have seen & ministered as far as I could to her comfort daily. her late deep Sorrow has occasionally overcome her but most of the time She has been pretty Calm - They have Changed their man Servant who was not what they wanted for a grandson of her

old friend the late Experience Sherman which I think will be much for their advantage. The heavy Car.ge for two horses has been sent away & one horse, which was no use for the other will probly. be sold, a light 1 horse Car.ge procured which will be much more conformable to the present circumstances of the family — A visit from Col. Paxton from Cattaraugus to this place occasioned by the sudden death of my bro.r Wm. first apprised us of Tho.s wife & child having come with him as far as Phil.a — he made a call on us before breakfast 3.d day? morn.g. and gave us the intelligence of Annie's discouraged & feeble condition, which makes him think that Tho.s will be obliged on her acct to leave Bloomsburg and his situation as manager of the business there, which will be a great disappointment to him & to us all as no equally advantageous opening for him can now be foreseen — I have made arrangements for removing my two small buildings on School Street to my lot lately bought on Purchase Street & for having our Garden made up. by the Brawley's commencing tomorrow — We had a meeting to day Charles Coffin an esteemed old friend and minister from Fairfield Main — whose services were edifying and interesting. he is an earnest and impressive Speaker — I was at mothers most of the intermission as usual. our Sis Francis was with us at Ed.d was had a bad cold the past week

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2. day 4 mo 16 to 1st. day 22 Occupied about home as the Cg Hse as usual - Had Jas Brawley & Several others in the Garden through the week, at work getting things in order once more there & the Yard about the house - by cutting down many superfluous Shade trees & curtailing the Shrubbery here - Att mothers daily as usual. Attended meetings to day as usual at Spring St. House, and during most of the intermission at mothers. She had a visit from Susan Howland whose Spiritual & Social ministrations were acceptable and Comforting to her - I Called to See Edmd Gardner who has been confined for 2 weeks with a bad bile on the back of his neck. which has been and continues to be very Painful & distressing - A Roberson had on 5th & 7th. Days intelligence by Telegraph & of the increased illness of his brother Jonathan and. of the sudden death by apoplexy of his nephew Gilbert Rodman - in consequence of which he expects to set off for Penn to morrow - Jas B Longdon & Wm H. Taylor rendered their award to day in the Case between A Roberson & C Mahongan & one relative to our claims with C.C. Stewart & particularly in relation to the Cal. Voyage of the J Stew - The awards in favor of Andrew but in their reasoning, a preliminary thumb to the

make no reference to the fraudulent course of C. C. S. – which is the sole ground on which my conclusion adverse to Andrews was based. & we I still think, if fully considered and appreciated would have led them to a different result.

2d day 23 to 1st day 29th Occupied with my various duties at & about home – daily aid at my mothers. Cg House duties, Gardning, the removal of my small houses &c – Edmund went to N York early in the week and returned this morning (1st day) I was at mg as usual & made a call again on Edmund Gardner whom I found better of his troublesome local affliction, but likely to be confined several weeks. Mothers kind and faithful nurse Electra Montague was obliged to leave to be nursed herself as her brothers for a bad cold – and her place has only been supplied at night time by E. Dennard's who served my mother a year ago – A. Roberson with Bessie Morgan also came home this mg. from their Phila. visits – Ai bro. Jona. whose illness called him there is better –

2d day 4th mo. 30 to 1st day 6th My engagements have been much in in the usual routine except that the operations of the removal of my small houses from School to Bunch of Grapes Street has occasioned daily & sometimes repeated visits to the scene of this business – Capt. Edw. Gardner who formerly sailed from St. John N.B. made us a call on his way homeward to Ohio

from a visit to his native Island. Nantucket he dined with us and I took him to see my associates in the St. Pat. business A Robeson & Co's. Morgan - mother has been about as well as of late. her nightly attendance has been chiefly supplied by Eliza Durandis, who was her nurse about a year ago & was now here from her late residence in Barnstable Co. & able to supply Electras absence as usual - the latter being yet too much unwell to return to her duties - our Gardening operations have advanced. Today to see Ed. Gardner after my to day, but he was on a ride, his health permitting him to go abroad in enjoy the delightful Spring like day in the open air. The Meeting of the Spring St. Friends in the afternoon being now changed to 4 O'clk. I precluded my attendance there by attending the Sitting at the Fifth St. House, which mg. continues Small - The Original two occupants of the upper seats Fr. Taber & Jos Eddy, being dec'd & their places supplied by & Fr. Taber Jr - Our Son Edm. went to Boston last week and Benj. Smith returned with him & Spent one night with us -

2d day 5 mo. 7th to 13th. 1st day Occupied about my various concerns, the work at my Smoke houses getting out the Stones and building the basement of the North one. which is nearly done. Digging for the Cellar & Base. walls of the other one &

the ground being full of Stones which cut up very well. Some time given to replacing the Starting Piles, and booms of the timber Dock. - Some time & attention to the Garden - Daily attendance at Mothers - who has been tolerably comfortable most of the week, but to day (1st day) she is ill & not able to sit up; troubled with a cough and defluction from the Lungs which was sometimes last night very oppressive I was with her a couple of hours, as usual on this day of the week, Called in D.r Locke and procured Relicaine Howland for this night - Electra not being likely to return on acc.t of her ill health. fitted up temporarily my Psychrometer which cam yesterday from Newyork - Ch.s & Benj.n and Bro: Wm.i 3 Sons left for Bloomsburg on 5th & 6th days - Rachel Howland Spoke in mg. to day at Some length Jo.s & Susan also, the latter in Prayer - Hannah Taber made a Short exhortation 2d day 14th to 1st day 20th In addition to my usual duties at home at mothers & at the Cg House my attention has been given to the work at the new Site of my two Small houses on Purchase St. to repairing the timber Dock & setting dolphins for more convenient access to the Coal yard & main Wharf - Also

to some extent to the project of converting a part of our Factory building into a flour & Corn mill — under a joint Stock Coy with Bullard at the leader of the Concern the prospect now is favorable to its accomplishment — Mother has been rather less well the past week. but rather improving since 1st day her late Nurse Electra Montague is yet much unwell at her brothers. so much so that it would not surprise me if She were to be translated to the world of Spirits before the close of my D. mother. I passed some hours with the latter to day as usual, and made attempts to procure a visit to her from a ministering friend from Indiana who was at Spg St. Mtg to day. and gave us an exhortation of much interest & unction — We had made an appointment for the afternoon at Long Plain Mtg. which prevented. my mothers having the Satisfaction which She hoped for from his visit. I called at Wm C Taber's & Susan Howlands on the occasion — Orlon Edmd left for N York on 6th day on business — and House Cleaning operations have had the Chief attention & time of the females of the family —

2d day 21st to 1st day 27th. My usual home Cg House engagements have taken my time this week, at mothers daily to render her needed assistance. the business at the wharf & securing the timber dock, which was laid waste by the ice

and getting my Southern Scow from the same, has had some of my attention & physical labor. — On 5th day our Frank & Lizzie took up their quarters in their long & convenient little New House on Court, and they invited the families of their respective parents to partake of their first meal we were all there at tea except Sister whose Cold detained her at home — the visit was very pleasant. and they may I think justly promise themselves much rational enjoyment in the Comforts & Conveniences of the house appropriation of the Space with its outlines — A very severe thunder Storm, was one of the memorable incidents which detained us till a later hour than we should have Chosen to trespass on their hours of repose after the fatigues incident to their house keeping Arrangements — the 3 young ladies remained all night the others left about 11 when the Storm was mostly past. Allen St. Church was Struck by the lightning and Somewhat injured The Bloomsburg Party returned on 6th day Morg — They experienced nothing of the tempest on the Sound St. Mary's — I was at Spg St. Mtg in the Morng, and instead of going to Mothers as usual to Spend part of the intermission I walked to the Cemetery to lay the Mothers tribute of Spring flowers to the memory of our Dear Mary I spent some time in threading the pathways of this City of the Dead, and noticing the tokens of living affection, which nature prompts and Religion Sanctions. I was at the 5th St. Mtg in the afternoon

and a Call from Marion Grinnell & her Sister and two or three of the Children, who have left Potsmika for a farm in Ohio — made me late in my attendance at Mothers — after tea Ma Cheri H & self made a Call at our Sons where also were our daughters — I dismissed our man Michael for intemperance his place to be supplied by John Linney tomorrow.

2d day 5/18 to 1st Day 6/3. My ordinary Cares & duties have occupied me through the week. In our domestic arrangements our man Michael has given place to another, John Linney the former being unfit for the Station by confirmed habits of intemperance — On third day Ma cheri H & self attended the funeral Services on the death of our neighbour the wife of Jon.a Ellis a woman of Sterling qualities & virtues without pretension. She was the daughter of the late Wm Fallman. I made another effort by writing and procuring Signatures to a Remonstrance against the Sewer through Hillman St. but without effect further than the change of termination to the Sewer in Mayfield St from that formerly contemplated in my Alley at the foot of Hill St — which change was very desirable to me, if the whole project could not be postponed

The Porches to my Small houses are now both in their positions on their new Sites and the basement walls to the North or larger House about half built. I have given my usual attention through the week at my Mothers. Sister

Lydia was here from Fall River and spent 5th days & 6th with her — I was at Mg to day as usual. a fine rain wch was much needed made itself in the afternoon Small Seats at Mary Clifford's & Aunt Nancy's at its close. and last Evg. I was at Franklin to attend our Daughter's home the Seem to be very pleasantly settled in their well arranged little house — My preparations for my business visit to Shirley as Tr. of the Phoenix Cotton Manf Co. require part of the intermission of Divine Service, and all the Evg till a late hour

2 day 4th to 1st day 6th mo 17 I left home on 2 day the 4th inst in the early Cars for Fall River where I had some business to attend to, which related to the Case of my wharf Capt Monday who has had the Case of it from the first being dead — I committed the Charge informally to Capt. M's half brother Wm as the adviser of Capt Mr. Grand Son Whittaker who has been familiar with the management heretofore under his old & worthy relative. The Steamer State of Maine was at the Wharf when the Metropolis was fitted for her Station on the N.Y. route I was at the Pocasset Office and saw Elisha Williams Atty. relative to the Deeds of land recently sold. I had not time to see my Sister Lydia, but learned from her husband that she was well — At 10¼ A.M. I took the Cars for Boston and ar. ab. 12½ O'Clk called at A. Patterson's & wrote letter at Bell & Minots Office, and at 4 P.M. left for Shirley. On getting

getting there, I went to my old Quarters at H. A. Waters but with apparent reluctance was allowed to stay as they have ceased to keep a public House — However their scruples were overcome and I was very satisfactorily accom. with prompt and early meals & good lodging, very diff. from what I had experienced in other Summers. I spent the two weeks assiduously at my Cg Room duties as Treas. putting the Accounts in proper form & order except on 1st Day when I walked to the Middle Town, heard two excellent Sermons from Mr Brown of Ashbury? enjoyed the Walk & Scenery, saw the S.S. Library & examined their manual of S.S. instruction by the kindness of Mr Whitney & Mr Bancroft — and in the Ev. wrote to my Dear aged Mother, with whom when at home I am accustomed to spend several hours on that day of the week — my read as my lodging in the Bible before Mgs. and the weekly Intelligencer after returning thence. I called in the intermission at Wilder Dodge and saw the husband of his niece who had died some months since his name is "Simmonds" — I met at the Office on 7th day, my friend the Rev. Chs Babcock who called with Mr Bancroft to look over the Mile — having completed the most urgent business at the Cg Room at the close of the 2 weeks I left in the mid day train for home and was very agreeably surprised to find my niece Eliz. Wells her husband & his bro. Stephen & Sister in the Cars on their

return from a journey of about two weeks — to Sharon Springs, Trenton Falls, Burlington &c &c — which they had highly enjoyed. I walked to the O. C. Station, stopping at A. Catt.ª & Bro. and had the pleasure to find all well. The appearance of the town & our particular grounds much improved by the full foliage of the trees and the various beauties of the Spring, which with us always settles in the lap of June. I attended Mg. as usual to day passed an hour or two with my Dr Mother who seems quite as well as when I left her — I gave some time to putting my Meteorological appr.ˢ in proper order, the Psycrometer &c — &c

2ᵈ day 6/18 to 1ˢᵗ day 24th. On 5ᵗʰ day attended the Mg. of the Flour Mill Coy. the annᵗ. of Stock proposed having been made up in my absence. Called same day with Macken &c at Lydia Russell's to see Emily Sumner to whom our Bro. Andᵂ is to be married — our impression of her was favorable — On 3ᵈ day Mg our son Thoˢ with his wife & Child arr.ᵈ from Bloomsburg. Their visit being hastened by their concern about the Child who was not quite well, the damp locality being thought unfavorable. She and the others seem pretty well now. Thomas returned on 7ᵗʰ day & Edmᵈ went with him to N. York — Our Daughters left us on 5ᵗʰ day to make a visit at their Cousin Sybil Robertsons. Anna who has been visiting her aunt Mary at Newport was here several days. She with Rodman Morgan & John Minturn who

was their guest, dined with us on 4th. Day — On 6th. Day morg.
I called at Abm. Russells to enquire after friend Nath.l
Sands of or near Newburg, and then Called at Jos. Gris-
kells to see him. he made a Call on us and at mothers
much to our Satisfaction — He is a very loving old Friend
and an esteemed minister. he spoke Comfortingly to our
dear mother, whom he had known in his Childhood, he
having been sent to Nantucket to the Care of my grand-
father to be at School when his father David Sands
who was an eminent preacher made his first visit
to England about 1788 — I parted with him at the
Cars where I went with three Sons. It is pleasant to
to meet such beautiful exemplifications of the Chris-
tian Character
2d day 6m 25 to 1st. day 7m 1 Engaged in my usual
Cares and duties. at home, at the Cg. House, the
Stores on Purchase Street & Machine Shop. has been
very lame with Swelling of one of the Ancles for Some
weeks, so that she moves about the house with pain
and difficulty — She was at the Work on the day of our
visit from friend Sands, after which she abstained
much from walking, which favored its improvement
but, renewed motion has again checked it — My
Calls at mothers have been di daily or Oftener. her
health Continues pretty good and the talk of trying
to walk with Crutches — Our Daughters got home

last Eve- with their Cousin Anna, who returned as she went with them to be her mother's Guests. — The Directors of the New Flour Mill Co. at their meeting on 5th. Day last, announced, to the great Surprise of Geo Thissy & me, that they had come to the Conclusion that the Factory Building at the foot of Hillman St. was not sufficiently Strong for the purpose, and they proposed to double the Capital Stock, and buy a lot & erect a building of their own — The objections we assured them were not sustainable in our opinion and if not it appeared hard to reconcileable with Good Faith, as it was well understood by all of the Subscribers, that that building was to be used on lease — and G. H. had mainly by his perseverence got the Stock Subscribed — This conclusion of the Directors is unsatisfactory to many of the Stockholders, and the Subject was recommitted by the directors to a Com.e enlarged by three others of their No. to report again — But they have now called a meeting of the Subscribers to the Stock — to Submit the Subject to their decision. I was at meeting as usual to day (1st Day) and at mother's several hours — the Ther.r has ranged very high for the last few days about 90 at the max.m — I was at our Sis. Franks after tea and found their home very Comfortable in the moderation temp.re of the twilight I met Joshua Richmond & wife & D.r — Our D.r & Sister & Han.h were also there at about this time

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2d. day 7 mo. 2d to 1st. day 7 mo. 8 I have given my attention to my duties as usual with such modifications as the incidents of the week necessarily occasioned — The National Anniversary, came with its bustle and follies & dangerous & boyish demonstrations — three bams fired in our vicinity made a part of the excitements of the day. most shockingly revealing the folly of our City Government as to day ordered. but happily not carried out of withdrawing the fire depart. with their protective apparatus from our wooden City, while unlimited license was granted to the boys to burn powder whenever they might chuse —, to compete for silver trumpet & such like expensive Baubles I trust the lesson will not be disregarded by future magistrates — I was at C. M. Morgans on 5th. Day eve'g to attend our 3d Daughters home. on the following day I took Sue & Ellen & Anna Robeson to bathe at the river Side, the latter dined with us on our return and I went to M. J. Rotch's to see our Dr. home in the eve'g where as at C's. was a family Party. I had a call from D. R. Perry Jr on 5th. day eve'g — & made some other efforts to send by him some Documents to Shirley for Wm. he was to leave the next day — I effected my object by the aid of C. M. Morgan who with his

wife left in the Same train on their way to meet Anna H. Potter in Hartford — Ma chere H. who has been lame in One of her ancles & partly in both for the last Six weeks. Called in Dr. Abbey a few days since who applied to the bandages wet with Arnica Camphor & Spirits & laid her up on the Sofa from wch treatment She has experienced some relief though we fear it will be long before She Can use her limbs freely again in walking &c I was at mothers as usual thro'out the week di-daily in considerable part or Eleven & I Spent the intermission of public Religious Services to day with her — I was at the Mtg. on Spring Street. Our Son Edwd arrived Thursday — has been absent Since he left with his Bro. Thos. 2 weeks yesterday. Our D. in law with her Infant are getting on well —

2d day 7mo 9th to 1st day 7mo 22d I Spent my usual vocation and paid Some attention to the Bridge Case in the early part of the Week. When my attention was Suddenly Called to an apprehended Emergency at Shirley from exposure of the Clerk to Small Pox. and S. Potter J. was engaged to go with me on 5th day to the Mill to Supply his place in Case he had left or Should leave to avoid Spreading the Contagion, if he Should have taken the disease — We left in the Morning Cars. I called to See Judge Sawyer and left with him a bal. of Congressional documents Cont'g Capt. Dutton's report on

the Corditch of the Harbor. Called at A. Patterson &
and proceeded at 1½ Oclk for Shirley on the Fitchburg
R. Road — found some difficulty in getting in as my
old Quarters — as Mrs. W. was to leave home the next day
on a short journey — However she finally Consented to take
me in Mrs. W postponing her Visit — took a walk to
the Co premises and to the Shaker Village, and saw
for a few Minutes the Elders & Trustees. and saw and heard
Something of their evg devotions from the Road in front
of the building where they were held — retired early to rest
to resume on the morrow my Office labors, which were and
nearly Continued till 7th day noon the 21st when I left for home
the 1st day next preceding I was at Duncaster and was
at the Trinitarian Service in the forenoon & the Unitarian
in the afternoon. Spending the intermission at my Cousin
Abby Hussey's with whom, her husband, three fine
Sons and their Guests her Step Mother, Cousin Eliz.
Barney from Fairfield Maine and Our Cousin Lydia
Russell & her Son & Mary — I was much interested
in the Society of these friends, in the Religious Services
especially the Second, when Mr. Allen an old
Gentleman gave an interesting & appropriate dis-
course on the text from Job. I would not live always
& that from to go & be with Christ is
be far better but you Sabbes it is expedient that I remain, Shown
the different hopes & feelings which animated these different

writers - Death to the Christian being an angel of Mercy to introduce him to the bliss of heaven, while to the Hebrew it was a dark if not hopeless termination of mortal toils hopes & sorrows - The beautiful hymn "I'll live alway" beautifully Sung by the Choir, one young lady of which was Strikingly beautiful Closed the Services - I was accompanied to the Church by Miss Sir Charles and with him I took a long walk at its close - and returned to tea and left about 8 Set - at home about 9. and after writing a short letter to my wife & sons I retired to rest - my labors at the desk at early dawn, no other incidents diversified my alternating duties at the desk and and my pleasant walks to & from my lodgings alike vocal with the melodies of Nature Speaking to the mind & heart in the Glowing Sun and glittering Stars - Stopped at A Patterson's - and at 11 left for home where I was in due course awaited by my bro Andrews Conveyance, as he was disappointed in meeting his nephew Rich more - And had the happiness to find all well, and Miss Chase A letter of Sen Sumners, So that She joins the family at the tea table which She has not done before since I left. Called & Spent a couple of hours at Mothers. She is for her very Comfortable. Eliz Fisher now with her. & having come with Wm Wharton & wife & daughters. who

left for Newport via Fall River yesterday (7th day) so that I have quite missed the pleasure I should have had in meeting them. I had a call at the Close of the Mtg. from Geo Hussey with whom I went to see our Children - afterward at Mothers again & after tea went with D Susan to see Anna & at her Sister's viz Eben Perry's.

2d day 7mo 23 to 1st day 7mo 29th Engaged as usual with my various and accustomed cares and duties, - at home, the Cg. room &c. Mother's - Our children were at the Bridal Party at Gideon Nye's on 3d day eve'g. We had Mrs Hutchinson our daughter Annie & her Sister at tea on 4th day and E. Perry with us in the eve'g. - On 5th day our fam'y were at Geo Hussey's at tea at a fancy party made for Bessie Morgan whose engagement to Hon George was lately announced. John Wister dined with us yesterday - The Painters are at work at my small Houses on Purchase St - The Pocasset Mtg. (Qu. Cy) occurred this week - but I was detained at home by the business of the Flour Mill Co - The report of the business for the 2d was favorable - The Directors of the F.M. Co. have agreed to the terms of lease of the late Cotton Factory building, and thus fixed the location of the business on my premises

Ma chere H. Slowly improving in her walking - but very slowly, as it is hard to restrain her action strictly within the limits of Prudence. — At mother's to day as usual on First-day, at Meet.g at Spring St. — Called at Jas. Arnold's & afterwards at our Son Frais to wait on his Sisters home

2d day 7/30 to 1st Day 8/5 Engaged in my usual routine of duties, at home, the Cg room Flour mill Mothers &c Was present at the perambulation of Orange St. by a comtee of the Aldermen to assess damages for land taken for the public — and had some consultations relative to lessening the width and jogging the Southern Section a little to the East — our Children were at their Cousin Redmans at a Party on one eg — & were disappointed of a visit to Hetty Robinson by a thunder gust last eg — — Bishop Eastburn arrived 7th day eg and is our guest to day. he preached two good Sermons and administered the rite of Confirmation to 67 persons, the eg mg was very large. He visited the Sunday School in the afternoon. I attended both the Mgs. and was at my usual place of Worship in the afternoon. at the Close of wch mg I called at Lydia Russells — the fam.y have yet the past week from Lancaster — Charles quite ill yet

with his incurable bodily malady — I saw also Sarah Hammett & daughter, whom I first attempted to see at her own House — also Jones And.s & his affianced. Fd Miss Sumner She being nearly well again. Several of my wife Church friends were here to day to see the Bishop — Rev Mr Rice was here at tea on 7.th day & at dinner to day. Frank & his wife were with us at tea. ~~Aunt Annie & her baby are yet at Eben Perry's from whence they make us frequent calls.~~ I was at Mother's funerals to day, but did not remain with her so much as usual. Eliz.a Fisher made us a pleasant visit with Sister E. on 4.th day eve & left the next afternoon for Fall River, where Jno Wilcox joined her the next day to proceed home. The Bishop leaves in the early train to morrow to return to Newport, where he is taking some rest from his labors. His visit has been one of much interest to the family. He conducted Religious Services on both eve.g & this morn.g. In a Church He was at meet.g for the first time since his lameness, riding both ways — 2.d day Mo.th 6 to 1.st day Mo.th 12.th. The Bishop left us in the early train 2.d day morn.g to return to Newport. My time has been given to the current claims of

the week — shared by the repairs of the Factory Building, the Well & finishing work on fences &c of my Small houses on Purchase Street, Cf. House business, daily attendance at Mothers removals &c &c — Edmund Let off on 6th day afternoon for Newport where his mother and Sisters expect to go on 2d day next to see a little of the great Natural attractions of the locality and to have a share of the fashion & folly which there bring together at this season of the year. I perambulated the New Point Road this morning, taking a light breakfast before setting out, Stopped at the bathing house on my return and took a bath in the river. at meeting as usual, but went with Ma Chace & to the Episcopal Church at 3 O'clk to hear Mr Salter, who gave a short & interesting Sermon so that I was quite early enough at my usual Place of Worship. where Gilbert Congdon preached in the forenoon and Rachel Howland made a lively exhortation in the afternoon through which the Christian graces shone affectingly — Mr Salter & Geo Hussey came here in the evg Since C.W. Morgan & party left for the white Mountains Frank & Lizzie Wilde's sweet daughter Gertrude has been our guest. Emily Ritchi's little sons visited her on 6th day

2d day 8/13 to 1st day 19 – On 2d day Mother H. and daughters left on the late train for Newport via Fall River. Edmund by appointment met them at the latter place. My time has been passed in attending to my various concerns at the C[illegible] & the giving some attention to the repairs of the Factory building. dis connecting & removing the various pipes &c &c – On 3d day Frank & Eliz. were with us at dinner Little Gertrude going with them to finish the week. On 5th day Sister Mott took tea at Frank's – On 6th day we both were at Sister Sarahs, with Sarah Potter who arr? again with her sons Jones & Frank from Fall River She stays at Mothers and the boys are to Board – I was detained from Franks the first of the eve. on 5th day by taking measures for the removal of a drunken man who had intruded himself into my mothers Cellar – I had much trouble in finding an officer, and when found Sister Ellen interfered with the discharge of his duty and threw Man with the aid of the woman in the kitchen who was the attraction. Got home at 8½. Brother Edmund arr? this (1st day) morning from N. York to spend a couple of weeks prior to his going with Sister Phoebe to make a visit at Skaneateles – by which time bro?

John who has been very ill. It is presumed will be sufficiently recovered from his late Severe illness to warrant their carrying out their intention which has been long since formed. I took a walk before the morng. Meeting to the new cove road at the beach, to see the State of my fence & found it nearly all taken up by the Workmen the road proby. encroaching on the line of the fence. The road is left quite in an unfinished State. I was at Meetg as usual. Bro. Edm. accompanying me, as mothers as usual & thereto the week - Called at Mr. Russell's after tea to see his Sister Eliza who is here from her home Wilmington Del. for the Summer, but did not see her She being at her Sister Grinnells - We have a letter to day from the members of the family at Newport, they propose to extend their visit to the Middle of next week

2d day 20th to 1st day 26th My usual engagements have had my time the past week the work of taking up pipes and detaching the Steam fixtures Water pipes &c in the Factory We have had a small family Sister Bro. Ed. & Selby making the Co. at table - except when Some of our friends favor us Sarah Wister & her sons were here one or two. I was

at mothers as usual at her removals. and as other times the absence of the other branches of the fam^y who were on the White Mountain excursion making my attentions more than usually important = My wife & daughters returned from their Newport visit on 5^th day in good health having had a pleasant visit to that thronged & fashionable Watering Place — I was at mg to day as usual with bro Edmund — took a walk after breakfast to the Cemetery to place a floral tribute from her mother on our dear Mary's Grave on which Eliz Wells' gentle & lovely little daughter who spent the time of our united family at our Son Fred's returned to us

2^d day 27^th to 1^st day Gm° 2 Usual Cares & occupations have taken my time the dismantling of the fam^y claiming a considerable Share. We had Sarah Wister & her sons with us at tea 2^d day with a few others — Made a Call on 6^th day with ma chere Mrs daughter Anna on Emily Sumner the bride elect of our bro. And^w at W^m H. Allen's — She appears a very a very amiable woman and to be fully worthy of his Choice — Bishop H. U. Lee came to us on 7^th day eg by invitation as our Guest to spend the Sabbath — I attend the Services in the forenoon & in the eg. — and my own meeting in the afternoon

his deportment accords well with his office — and we have enjoyed his visit very much. He conducted the family devotions very acceptably — Rev. Mr. Rice was here on both days — and some of his other friends called — He was a pioneer in the Temperance Cause in this place while attached to the Academy & High School — and is very favorably remembered by many of our citizens. Mother's nurse Lydia Haskell left her on 5th day — and I gave some attention to procuring another but without success — On 6th day afternoon I was with my mother while Sister C. went in quest of one to fill the vacant place — in which she finally succeeded in the person of Ellen Bain a young woman who happened to be here on a visit — who has a long experience in New York as the nurse of the late Mrs. Prime — Mother's former nurse Elicta is expected to resume the situation on her expected early return from her visit to her friends in Vermont.

2d day 9mo 3 to 1st day 9/10 — On 2d day evening had a visit from Julia & Antoinette Wisby from Fall River, the former from my sister's family where she has been an inmate for several years, who is soon to be married to Mr. Westall designer for the Mess Print Works a man of taste cultivation & piety — On 5th day

we had a visit from Mrs Pitt, our Annies Aunt from Pitt^a & Ed^d Perry the Randalls & a few others. Henry & Eliz^h Barrow Arrived that day from their White Mountain tour via Nantucket, and were with us till 7^th day forenoon when they left to return home We showed them such attentions & there estimable relatives as time permitted - My time was otherwise occupied by my ordinary duties & Cares at home, the Office & at Mothers. Our brother in law was married to Emily Sumner on 4^th day eve^g at Wm H Allens where wife is Emily's sister - There was no wedding entertainment & they went to Abm^s house at the close of the eve^g. The connection seems very suitable and will doubtless prove a happy one. at Mg to day as usual 2^d day 11^th to 1^st day 16^th Occupied most of the week in my ordinary round of Cares and duties at home the Office & at Mothers to aid in her removals and to fill up some of her hours of solitude & discomfort from her infirmities - We had Frank & Eliz^h with us at dinner & one or two - Edm^d made a visit to Newport and returned with his horse 1^st day eve^g - I was at Mg as usual Dr Tobey of Providence was there and preached acceptably A M & P M I walked to the Cemetery with a Mothers floral of-

ferring to the memory of our Dear Mary — which prevented my attendance at Mothers removal to the Parlor — ~~the Episcopal Fair & a visit at C H Morgans for the~~ ~~with how deserved the Smiles~~

2d day 9/17 to 1st 9/23 My usual duties & engagements have had my time & attention the past week a party at Geo Harveys on 6th day in honor of the affianced couple Geo J & Eliz Morgan or rather property M Miller & wife on 6th day ev'g — a bridal party for Mrs A Robeson at C H Morgans on 4th day ev'g — and the Episcopal Church fair have afforded the prominent varieties of the week — At Mothers as usual at her removals — Micaj & Lydia were to see her this week the latter staid two nights

2d day 24 to 1st 30th Occupied as usual at home the Cty House &c my usual attendance being given at my Dear Mothers — who has been more feeble than usual this week On 4th day She was particularly feeble & the day previous she was in her chair but about 2 hours — The Ann. exhibition & meetings of the Bucks Co Agricultural & the Horticultural Socy of this place have invited great numbers of Strangers to the town — The exhibition was quite interesting from variety & beauty of the Specimens of nature & art which were collected — I spent

5th day eve'g in pressing through the crowded halls to see, rather than examine the articles — we had bro. And.w Bridle and others of the Fam'y Circle to visit us on 6th day eve'g — I was at mothers to day from 12 to 2 as usual on 1st days — and at the close of the 2d m'g. which began at 3 O'clk I walked to the Cemetery before going to give my aid to remove Mother to her bed — Her former nurse Electra has returned from Vermont and will resume her kind attentions on 3d day next

2d day 10mo 1 to 1st day 10/7 I have been occupied in my usual routine of duties the past week took some measures in relation to the Cemetery lots at Oak Grove Cemetery with a view to the removal there of the remains of our Son Mary Charles & Father Prior which will probably be accomplished the com'g week Our Fam'y were at Benj.n on 4th day at an eve'g party for A. Roberson & bride — and on 5th day in a chaise H & M.r Allen went to Boston to make some purchases going with Sister Susan to spend the night with her daughter Eliz.th Weld — They returned on 7th day eve'g. I have been at mothers as usual at her removals and to day remaining till 2 O'clk — She has been pretty well for her — till this after

noon when she had a turn of Sickness. which indeed
a visit from D Rotch and an early retirement to
her bed - I called at B Lindey's to see Sarah Pugh
of Phila now here, after attending the Womens Rights
Convention in Boston - She was niece of my master
D Coxe's wife and could answer my enquiries after
the Northgate friends of my School days - She
is a bright intelligent & progressive woman.
afterwards I called at M. Elfords - Before
the Meeting at 5th & St I walked to the Cemetery
where our dear boy & his Grandfather's remains were
laid, whence they will probably be removed
the coming week - I was also at Geo Thorneys
on my way thither & he called here at the close
of the 1st day with reference to the Shirley Mill
& the trouble connected therewith. which requires
the attention on the Spot of the members of the
Coy - but his engagements at N York will
not permit him to go there at present - which
I shall endeavor to do the first week. Edm'd arr'd this day fr. N York
Sec'd day 10/8 to 1st day 10th 21 - On 3d day the 9th bro: Edmund ar-
rived from N York with Sister Phoebe, it was her intention to
return with our son Edm'd but the rain Storm on 7th day in
New York prevented its fulfilment - On the next (4th day)
morning I went before breakfast to the new Cemetery of
Friends and took the box which contained the dust of our

first Mary who died in infancy in the Summer of 1821 with the Stones which marked her grave in the Old Cemetery from which with all the other remains hers have been recently removed, and took them to be placed by the side of our second Mary who died in 1847 in the maturity of womanhood, at Our lot at the Oak Grove Cemetery. I improved the occasion to transfer also to the same Spot from the private Cemetery of my grandfather the remains of our dear Charles who died in his 4th year in 1834. and those of my father in law Edmund Prior who died in 1841 - I was glad to have the presence of my brother who bears his name on this occasion, who with me attended the operation till deposited in the afternoon of that day in a Spot not liable to be intruded upon as were those whence they were taken by the flowing tide of the City of the Living - and where no uncongenial activity will disturb the salutary musings appropriate to the Cities of the Dead. On 5th day we I with our family made a visit at our cousin S Barnolds to meet the D. an our Cousin Susan Barton, with whom it was pleasant to renew our former agreeable acquaintance when She was the wife of our Cousin Tho.s Notch D.D. i agreeable daughter was with them - They were just from Boston where they

had been to take leave of Mary Emerson and husband who have just embarked for a tour in Europe — On 6th day I set off in the afternoon for Shirley & Spent the night at Lowell to see the lawyer B.F. Butler who has charge of our suit against the Shakers — lodged at the Merrimack House and reached Shirley about 9 — on 7th day — took up my Quarters at H A Waters's as usual — and Spent the day in visiting with the agent A.G. Smith the several reservoirs which contribute or were designed to contribute to the supply of the Phoenix mill, which involved a ride of 10 or 12 miles — after tea I made a call at the Settlement of the United Society — Attended Service on the following Sabbath at the Universalist and at the Orthodox Cong.l Church, having been prevented from making my usual visit to Mr. Chandlers Church at the "middle town" by a call & walk with A.G. Smith — On 2d day the 15th went with A.G.S. by appointment to the Office of the Un.d Society to talk over our differences and see if we could come to an amicable adjustment of them — They manifested a friendly disposition, and shared with us our great aversion to litigation. but I see is no satisfactory reason to believe that this could be done

On the next day we had a visit from the Executives of the Society, and had further discussion on various topics connected more or less directly with our controversy - but with no encouraging result - I took a walk after the Service of the Sabbath to Eli Page's who has just gained a verdict in his favor on a suit by the Shakers for an alleged raising of his dam by which we were by the latter induced to believe, that no damnage in the earlier Stages of our Operations was owing - on which idea a Suit was begun by us against Page, but on further information we changed our opinion and the Suit was withdrawn - and W. Page & his Son Alfred Spent the eve of 4th day at the Cg Room of the Ph & Cg - they wish us to prosecute our Suit - as the probable means of relieving them from a new action or trial which the Shakers have taken measures to obtain - With my usual duties as Treas. my time was otherwise passed at Shirley till 7th day the 20th when I left in the Mid-day train and got home by a Conveyance at Ev. - had the blessing to find all as well as usual - and in the Ev. met the Select with the Ch at my House - at an adjourned meeting - 1st day 21 - was at my mothers as usual between

day 10/22 to 1st day 10/28 Engaged in my ordinary home an Ch duties — on 3d day eve we had a visit from Thos Mandell & wife Capt Blanchard wife & D.r & Mrs Abbee & Mr Phipps — with Geo Hussey & Jane. and some (members of our family — Mother has been more feeble this week — so as not to be able to sit up as long as usual — by an hour or two — which makes me reluctant to leave home as I am obliged to do next week on important business at Shirley — in conformity with the agreement with the Shakers on their visit this week — to have a meeting of the Phoenix Co. at that place on 3d day of this week — I attended some mentioned before that I spent 2d at Fall River to attend the Meeting of the Pocasset Manf. Co — and this duty & to be as then appointed on some arithmetical calculations has taken some of my Ch Home hours — the Shakers alluded to were Elder Grove & Blanchard & Jonas Nutting — who saw the members of the Company at Geo Hussey's house. where they took tea and continued the session to near the close of the eve. — The business of the Watch Manf Co also took some of my time in recording the doings of the meeting of 7th day eve and fulfilling the duty which they decided on me as Treasurer — I have been frequently at Mothers sympathising with filial affection with the discomforts trials and sufferings inseparable from the infirmities of extreme age — and the circumstances of her family arrangements so unconclously unfortunate in some respects — and which the ample means with which she is blessed and the affectionate influence of her married Children cannot control — Dr Rotch has several times visited her this week — and Sister Sarah & my wife are with her more or less of almost every day — as much as their ability & family cares will permit — I called at Geo Hussey's — or rather he called on me after leaving to day. and I was at Aunt Nancy's — My Son Franklin besides spending an hour or two at Mothers between Mgs — made a call at Ezra Francis — with reference to Masons Work to be done in my absence — and after leaving Franklin's where I also took leave of Ellen who is stay. there for a few days I looked up Jackson's wife & made some provision for his boy's winter clothing — and wrote somewhat late in preparing to leave for Shirley in the eve

2 day 10/28 to 2 day 11/5 Thirsty Having arranged with Percy Spurr to come with me to this place to act as Store Keeper to the Company I met him at the Station of the Fairhaven Branch R Road at 6¾ A.M. and — were in Boston at ¼ past 9 — called at Henry Patterson's & Weld & Minot Offices — and then went to make a serious attempt to settle personally a claim on Lem Hemlaw & Son which I have been ineffectually endeav.g for months past to adjust through a 3d person (Fel. Weld) but have Success — I feard some unpleasant passages in the adjustment as the neglect which has been manifested of mercantile Courtesy for a period of 18 months was ground of serious complaint on my part — However although the Son was not very Civil — the father was not so and apologized as well as he could — but seeing the reason of my dissatisfaction — he putty Soon consented to make amends by Paying the Am.t due and interest, w.h I Claimed with any deduction for Com.n (17½) as they would have been authorized to make but for the delay in Pay.t — left Boston at 12½ O'Clk — and — found Dr. Perry and his bro. in law in the Cars — they have come to Boston Canton — we met A.G. Sulle on the Platform as they — and as neither he or I had heard from Mr Conant the mill wrights at Clinton, who had been written to, to examine and report on the Condition of the main wheel & Connection to report to the Coy. at their meet.g on the morrow I rode with A.G.S. forthwith to Clinton, but not find.g Mr. Conant there we Continued on to Berlin 2 miles further) where we Lain — the follg day Gen Harry & F.C. Allen arrived and went to A.G. Sulle House where the rest of the day & Eve was spent in Conference with those of the Amesbury Co.y & Conant & Faber who Came with the gent.n from R.I. — no settle.t of the differences having been made we parted with proposition to Sulle by Sale or otherwise and agreed to meet them the next Morn.g at their Office — This we did — and and all the forenoon before the start of the mid day train, when G.H. Allen & Faber were to return — but Still without result — The next day — we found that Sulle would not bind over the law suit for damages under the Guaranty the 1 year thought it was the intention of the Co. that he should do so — and he wrote to them to that effect — this brot. on a proposition from them that D.R. Perry & I Should meet Edwin Gay and Holden — and Settle the matter — this we did on 6th day eve.g & after a long & friendly session we agreed to drop all Claim to Date and Start anew — hoping to Set on more Satisfactory — a final Conference on hand

meetings and — as her w.f. removed — attended
Meeting at Sp.f. St. House, and called at
my Son Franks' and at Gw Hussey's he having
been obliged to return home from N. York by some
local trouble, which now obliges him to keep
a reclining posture much of the time —
— Our Son Thomas was expected this morng
but he has not arrived

Affy Yours Sweet

I should have explained that in the attached Memo
or should do so now having Spare thereof that A.G.
Swell's refusal to put over the Suit was based on
his agreement with Alfred Page that our suit
should positively be pressed at the Court now
in Session if a settlement of our differences was
not effected before it was called — Such
were the views of the members of the Company
generally, and he therefore felt himself
warranted as he did — though he was
not in fact authorized in what passed at
the Conference at this Place of the members
of the Company at the time of said Page's visit
to commit them to the prosecution irrevocably, at this or any other Court, if
from any cause they should not be inclined at the time to do so —

3d day 6th. to 1st. day 11th I wrote very late at Shirley 2d day to be able to leave for home in the early train 3d day morng which I did and arrived in the mid day train in time to vote the whig ticket. found our friends in usual health — Saw Mr Dewey formerly Pastor of the Un. Soc. in this place in the Cars from Weston & had a pleasant conversation with him — Saw my neice married niece Eliz. Morgan and her husband Geo Hussey Jr. at mothers where I called on my way to the voting Station — they left the same afternoon for Boston to take passage to Liverpool in the British Steamer Africa — they were married the day before. My time has since been devoted to my usual home & C.G. House duties — attending daily & semi daily at mothers — She seems rather better & more comfortable than the week before I left home — I went on 4th day to Fall River to complete some business committed to me & others by the Pocasset Manf Co and returned at mg. meeting at Myricks the parents & Clara, who accompanied the bride & groom to their embarcation — On 7th day I attended the funeral services on the death of Ichabod Clapp formerly the principal Stable-keeper of this place — A man of kind feelings which led him in aiding others with his name, to impair very much his temporal circumstances three Ministers incld 3 Mr Weiss officiated

2d day 12th to 1st day 25th The first of these two weeks was passed at home in attending to my ordinary duties domestic business and filial — mother continuing much as of late as to bodily infirmities but more serene in mind than at some previous times — On 5th day Eliz. Ladom of Newyork with her attendant Richard Miller of Brooklyn went to her house on their return from Nantucket. they having called to see her with Thos. Greene before they went to the Island — They are of the Hicksite portion of the Society of Friends & her object was to see some of the few individuals that sympathise with that division in this part of Mass.tts — She is old and feeble but full of Love and religious sensibility — She remained there two nights Richard going to his former lodgings at T. Greene's — I think her company & sympathy was grateful to mother though from the deafness of the one & the feebleness of the friend they could have but little social communion the two friends dined with us on 6th day and left the following afternoon for their homes — She was so feeble as our house that she had to retire from the parlor to a bedroom and had her dinner sent to her. A letter from my wifes Cousin Henry Haydock introduced them to us

Imade arangt. to leave home to attend to the Accounts of the Phx C. Mfg Coy. at the mill at Shirley, and left for that place on 2 day morn. via Fair haven — Passed my time in Boston at Almy Patterson & Boi Store. in writing letters for the California mail — reached Shirley at 2 PM but had the misfortune to lose my Valise on the way to Boston which subjected me to some inconvenience for a couple of days till I recovered it — I was busily employed at the Office of the Coy the whole of my time, chiefly in relation to the Store business — The result of which so far as my time enabled me to infer it, appears to have been a loss of from 1 to 200 P an. — The perverse and ignorant wilfulness of the agent having effectually put aside my control over the accounts of the Coy. in this department — But I think the impolicy & impertinence of this interference is too obvious to the Coy. of not to himself to prevent a repetition of these aggressions in future — The superintendent and manufacturer John Chase of Chicopee who was sent for on the recommendation of Mr Francis of Lowell, who was applied to at first for this service, to decide on points of difference

between the Lessors and Lessees — much jealousy and bad feeling having arisen between the United Socy. and the Ags. of the Cy. at the Mills. The examination was made before my return, and the Report was now rec — which seems to me to be a very intelligent document deserving of the respect & confidence of both Parties, but it was rec. too late to allow me to learn how it was viewed by the Lessors — I left in the mid day train on 7th day & arrived by the Boxhaven route at 7 — the train was a heavy one, baggage Boston with 10 Passenger Cars well filled — I had the happiness to find dear Jane & friends in usual health — except that Frank's little Mary was unwell with some tendency to Croup — the Symptoms of which seem not to have been severe and to be now abating — One sad piece of intelligence awaited my return. — the sudden death of Benj. Russell's wife — I learn that she was taken with a severe pain in her head on 1st day last which on medical treatment was succeeded by protracted nausea & pain in her back. on 3d day morng she seemed partially relieved, and her husband & son her mother being at Manasses or Providence with Hannah's two daughters who are settled one at each place, hoped and believed that the worst

was over and with Sleep. to which She was inclined would be followed by more unequivocal evidence of improvement on their return from their respective avocations — but it was not so to be — She was indeed Sleeping on their return and it was not for two or three hours. that they were seriously alarmed at its countenance — when endeavors were used by themselves & the three Consulting Physicians to arouse her from her Slumbers in vain and She never more awoke to earth but about 3 O'clk on 4th. day Morg breathed her last without the slightest indication of pain or distress — She was a sincere Religious woman, humble and devoted to her family and all her duties. so that while no regrets are to be indulged for her She leaves a blank in the Domestic relations of her kindred and a wound in many loving hearts which time & Faith can ben cure My wife was at the funeral, which though She was attached to the Methodist Communion at her mothers instance was conducted after the manner of Friends — at which Wm Chace officiating very Satisfactorily — Rachel & I made a call of condolence this afternoon and saw Benj. wife & daughter Louisa & mother

in law — who seemed ~~to support~~ under their severe affliction, the other daughter Maria with her infant are at her cousin's Wm Cobb's — On 1st day eve of last week I called with my wife at Matthew Howlands — his wife having lately returned from Burlington where she was called by the illness of her mother — She had recovered, but Rachel had just learned that her Uncle Stephen Grellet has been taken from earth to Heaven — he was very feeble when she was there — but replete with the Christian graces which have been so conspicuous in his long devotional pilgrimage — I was at Mothers to day between mgs. and at her returning hour, as usual — She seemed comparatively comfortable

2d. day 26 to 1st. day 12 mo 2 — Pr Shirley business and other writing & computations kept me employed at home most of the 3 first days — afterwards at the Cg House in connection with my other duties, at mothers &c — assisted at the suspension of her Entry lamp with a balance ball for the convenience of lighting &c — Called with ma Chest H. on 6th day eve to see Maria Brown nee Russell at Capt Anthonys but she was at her father's — then went to Evans's — Ann's baby is nearly well again but suffers from the irritation of teething — on 7th day Eve Accompa-

ried our Daughter Susan to the festival at the Town Hall for the Children of the Missionary Sabbath Schools Rev. Mr. Dennison conducted the exercises consist'g chiefly of recitations dialogues & hymns by the Children — the Hall was densely crowded and many could not gain an entrance. The occasion excited much interest & the exercises were very Satisfactory — Mother more feeble this (1st day) so that she was not removed from her bed — Dr Robt was called. — her debility affecting the organs of breathing more especially which was distressing at times — Showg the increasing prostration of her waning Strength — Our Children except Susan were at a Party at S.G. Morgans last ev'g —

2d day 3d to 1st day 9th Engaged to some extent at home with reference to the unfortunate Dr's Mill business, and my ordinary Cares — A.G. Shell was here the last of last week, and I met him at Geo Hussey's relative to the Shirley business — On 3d day three of the United Soc'y. were here I expected them all to dine, but an accident, or disappointment by Elder Grove who as in the early train is not meeting the others on the arrival of the mid day train, as he intended, Jonas Nutting and Thos Holden did not get here till late in the afternoon. The members of our Co'y except A.G. Shell who

left town in the morning train for Shirley. where things do not yet go on very Satisfactorily — Saw them in the City and they were here till a late hour. Their dissatisfaction with the agent Still Continues, for which I am afraid there is too much occasion — he seems to lack discretion exceedingly in his management — which prevents his making friends. and thus the success of his business is damaged — Several Suggestions were made with a view of dissolving our Connection by Selling our machinery — or otherwise removing the causes of that distrust & misunderstanding which has been so annoying to our feelings and detrimental to our interests — at an interview on 4th day morng with Elder Grove at Geo Hussey's Cg House. which will be considered — We had the Bishop to dine & lodge on 4th day — he had a Confirmation Service at the Church at the Cg which was very fully attended — Edmund took him in his Buggy to Fall River the next day — I attended the Friends Quy Mtg on 5th day which was large the Services by Elizr Meader of Provc. & D. Dudley of Maine — the former made mother a visit

who has been very feeble through the week so as to keep her bed the whole of several days — I performed my annual duty of writing to the Mass. delegation in Congress, about the French Claims in which my fathers Estate is interested — My Ch. Room duties took all the time I could spare from the other subjects of attention — Mothers birth day (98 years of age) occured this (5th day 12/9) She thought herself too feeble to leave her bed but by the encouragement of her children She made the effort, and She Sate in the Parlor from 1 to 6 P.M. and had the visits of all of her Children & Grand Children in Town — Alanson Tucker and Wm R Robeson were here also — The presence of her descendents seemed to Cheer her up and make her to some degree forget her numerous infirmities so that it proved a very pleasant and Satisfactory occasion — and She seemed brighter than for the whole week Sister Lydia — came yesterday & will stay till tomorrow noon or later — Mothers weakness and debility with occasional difficulty of breathing — makes us fear that She will not long Survive

this interesting occasion — The weather was very Stormy, wind S E with rain that made Carriages necessary for the females — I spent most of the day there except the hours of meeting which I attended at my usual place of public Worship — I called at the Missionary S. School where our dear Susan has a class on Bethel Hill: and walked home W to her Meeting at Green Church in the morng — Most of the family remained with mother in the afternoon & Sister Lydia read in the bible — Our sons dined to day at Wm T. Russells? with his son Henry — and the latter was here with them in the evg —

2d day 10th: to 1st day 16th On 2d day morng I made preparation to leave for Shirley via Fairhaven by the early train but, by a misapprehension of the time of Starting I was 5 minutes too late and had to wait till the 11 OClk train I availed myself of the delay to call on Dr Abbe to be vaccinated again, as there are several cases of Smale pox in Town. I also availed myself of the occasion to call at J W Clifford's house to advise with him in regard to Brigham & Sloans proceedings in relation to the Suit of Wm R Wotch for the note which he holds against me but which has been virtually paid in ten times the amt — I then buried myself

at home till near the time of Starts - on my joining
and then called at Dr Abbe's Office and was Vac-
cinated and then proceeded via Tabers Shop
to the R.R. Station - and onward called at Mr.
Mary Patterson's Office, and then proceeded to the
Station of the Fitchburg R Road & to Shirley in
4 Oclk train took lodgings as usual at Mr A.
Waters' and was busily occupied at the C Shops
of the Ph.K.C.M.Co. through the week - found
the Co's concerns looking unprosperously for the
maladjustment of the Water Wheel to the work
put upon it and the deficiency of water
- the Reservoirs not having been filled as was ex-
pected by the Fall rains, so that there is little pros-
ability of our running with any success this win-
ter as the frost will probably prevent the filling
of the Reservoirs till the Spring thaws - I had
no conversation with the Shakers, at which I was dis-
appointed, but my official engagements did not allow
me the time to call at their Office - left Shirley
in the mid day train on 7th day and got home
via Fair haven about 7 Oclk - found all
well except Thomas who has been quite ill with an
ulcerated sore throat and is yet far from well. Mother
about as when I left. I called in the evg but found
her asleep. then called at Andrews & finished the evg

attended meeting to day. as usual at Spring St. House
weather rainy & attendance not large. Communi-
cations from Rhoda & Rachel in exhortation
& prayer — Spent some hours at mothers
who said she had been anxious for my return
— She made some explanations of her wishes in re-
gard to her will, and I made a call on Judge Pres-
cott on the subject of my at home principally occ
in writing for the Newport mail in the morning —
2d day 17th to 1st day 23d. Engaged at home & through
the week — My mother finished the modification
of her will on 2d day She has been on several oc-
casions extremely feeble this week but has gener-
ally spent a part of each day in the parlor — Sister
Lydia came on 6th day afternoon and returned on
the afternoon following. the visit was very
desirable to mother who is impressed that her
time here is short. But she is quiet and peace-
ful under the prospect — I have attended
to my engagt at the Cg House &c On 6th
day afternoon D. R. Perry the President of our Shir-
ley Mill Coy. had a fatal fall in the hot House of
Burgess — whither he kindly went to procure
some flowers for a young woman who had applied
to him for them in the forenoon — a most af-
flictive event to his family & friends — I was
there yesterday & again to day (1st day) — his

Henry & Dwight arrived from Boston & Shirley &c - Spectively yesterday & Mrs Grinnell & her husband this morng from New York another son who is at School at Framingham had not arrived. and the other son is in California — The interment is expected to be to-morrow — I was at meeting as usual at Spring St. Hse — Rachel & Rhoda made acceptable communications — Our Children Susan & Ellen returned on 4th day from their visit to their Cousin Eliz Wilde to hear Beecher's Lectures. Edmund was 2 nights in Boston this week — I made calls after the 2d meeting at big Jos Tuckers (whose family returned to their house to day after spending a week at G. Henrys) — Mary Gifford and Edw Mottleys — at Mothers at her removals — Geo Harvey was here this afternoon and eve. — A G Smith who came with D R Perry Jr from Shirley, & Thos G Allen were also here to explain the state of things at Shirley, and the prospect of the former of leasing the Mills of which he has had the Charge — Walter Whitehead & wife and Mr Baker were also here this eve — Thomas walked to his Uncle Ben's, and staid at tea returning quite late in the evening — Harriet returned this week from Newport

2d day 24th to 1 11 day 30 — On 2d day afternoon the funeral Services on the dr D.M. Berry took place the remains were entombed in the River side Cemetery Fairhaven I was one of the bearers as were Geo Hunt Allen & Snell — this was the 20th anniversary of my fathers death — Rev. Mr Eldredge officiated Chiefly occupied with my accounts for the an. Settlement — my usual attentions to my dear aged mother whose physical debility & infirmities are very depressing — Our Son Thomas has been busily occupied in the preparations for removing to the house which he bought of Walter Nutchs in 3 St to a little below Walnut the house is quit Small & the ground on a Still more diminutive Scale but it will answer for the present Size of the family and the uncertain prospects as to business at the present time. They took up their quarters there last night, and made it Sch Sue & Ellen made them a call this afternoon uncomfortable as the State of the Streets are from the fall of Snow and rain of last night — we stopped on our return to make a call on Aunt Nancy — at meeting to day as usual

but made Shorter visits than usual on this day of the week to my mother — Some necessary operations at home being the cause of their curtailment — I made a call of Condolence in the eve on the family of the late D K Barry — Geo. Hussey called on us at the close of the morning meet 2d day 31st to 1st mo 6 1856 — On 2d day I took the morning Cars for Fall River on business with the Pocasset Manf. Coy — and I availed of the opportunity to transact my annual business with my Sister Lydia as Executor of my fathers Estate — The Pocasset Coy. are getting into a very good condition after a long and anxious Struggle for many years. Partly in consequence of the Great Fire of 1842 — and the immense investments which were required to avail adequately of the Splendid Mill Sites which fell into the Company's hands in my fathers life time — This has been successfully accomplished. So that — the present prospects of the Company are highly encouraging. Should no unforseen disasters be impending — It was my expectation to leave Fall River at 11¼ A.M. — but owing to the late arrival of the morning train from Boston the 2 P.M. train did not start till about 12½ O'clock — This however did not retard my ar-

rival at home, as we still had time to reach the junction before the 8½ day train for New-Bedford had passed — I was closely occupied for several days with the Pacasset business which with my own affairs & those of the Phœ Coy. monopolised my time, not omitting how ever my duty to my Mother whose very feeble and infirm Situation Commands the anxious Solicitude of her Children. Sister Lydia came on New Years day which was quite a gratification to her — and particularly as she hereby had her with her on the next day when she had a very poor turn and Lydias Company was very important to her quietude of mind, and probably was very influential in promoting the favorable reaction of the following day — I stole the day from my pressing Cares to make a New Years Call on my Cousin Sarah Ann — at Uncle Jon Grantés, and my Cousin Lydia Russells — I intended also to call at Uncle Jon Thomás, but learned from him that She Annie was Spending the day with her Sister Josephine. The New Bedford Flow (Mills Commenced spending that day and performed as I learn from the report quite

Satisfactorily — I attended with Mrs Chase H. a party at George Hussey's on 5th and one at our niece Ellen Mostly's on 6th day eve. both given in Compliment to our bro. Andw & his new wife — consisting only of elderly guests & confined chiefly to the relatives of the parties — We had a great snow Storm from 7th day 3 PM to 1 day 8 AM — the Streets so much encumbered with Snow that I believe none of the Churches were open in the forenoon & few if any in the afternoon. The Episcopal and probably some others were open for Divine Service in the eve — I was at Spring St. Mtg House in the afternoon with about twenty others including 3 Women. Hannah Taber Lydia Howland and their daughter Ch. Taber's wife — I went to mothers at 8 OClk to assist her to her bed — Some part of the Side walks were cleared so that I got along without much difficulty — Thus another Year has closed over us. leaving me nearly a Single Number, if any more, for me to See — My Secular Cares are little painfully absorbing, when a partial release from this Class of engagements is so desirable to many

important accounts — But — this privilege of repose from these unreasonable exertions seems not yet to be my allotment, & I must if health & strength are mercifully continued to me struggle on — without surrendering the hope or abating the Prayer that I may allowed yet a respite from them, and leisure and opportunity to apply myself more sedulously to the Spiritual interests, which look beyond this comparatively narrow, though when rightly considered noble field of labor, and of action

— My dear niece Anna Roberson daughter of my dec^d nephew Thomas C Roberson, was married on New Year's day at Brookline where her mother now resides to William Dwight the son of a neighbor of her mothers — I believe it is an agreeable connection with the near relatives of both parties who have an acquaintance with the young man

They had no wedding entertainment, and left the same day for New York — The marriage was intended to be on Christmas day but a slight attack of fever in Anna obliged the delay. — She is going to encounter the responsibilities of married life, but it may nevertheless be all for the best.

1m° 1856

2d day 1m° 7 to 1st Day 1m° 12th — Occupied with little intermission with my daily Cares and Cg House duties, which are always particularly pressing at the beginning of the year aside from my Official position with reference to the Shirley Mill the Rotch Whf Co &c — The weather was unusually cold for several days of last week, and finding that my Office could not be adequately warmed with the small Stove there I made my house my Cg Room for a part of the time — mother pretty comfortable for her The quantity of Snow in the Streets and the want of means of riding has embarrassed the females of the family much of the time especiall the elder individuals, who have suffered from Colds — Sister P. particularly, whose fire apparatus was also found inadequate to warm her apartment sufficiently — I obtained for her yesterday some Cumberland Coal which I hope may be found on trial to supply the necessary warmth — Our Children were on a Sleighing Party & visit to W Swift & E. Perry's place about 2 miles in S° Dartmouth last week — I was late at the Cg. Room preparing for a visit to Shirley, I have had the misfortune to have my keys Stolen, as I suppose which prevents my locking the Store Door or gaining an entrance at home without disturbing the Family — I was however earlier by an hour than the return of the Sleighing party — a rain with mild and a thawing temperature has made the Street unfit for

pedestrians without water tight boots — I was at mothers as usual during the intermission of Divine Service which I attended at Spring St. as usual — the Gathering quite small though less so than one week ago — I devoted the eve to the unsuccessful attempt to prepare myself to leave for Shirley to-morrow morning — The Reverberating Steam mill directors have had some of my attention this week — My wife has had some Symptoms of Erysipelas with her Cold which though better Still confines her to the house — Edmund had the Blue Club to Supper one day last week — 2d. day 13th. to 1st. day 2/19 — It was my wish to leave home for Shirley 2d day morg — but the pressure of Engagements prevented my doing so — and by being at the C.H. Room which was not sufficiently warmed, I took cold which indicated by Slight pleuritic Symptoms which detained me at home two days, and most of the remainder of the week, occupied with my accounts &c — went to mothers daily with the exception of the two days — at 10 A.M. as usual on this first day, and passed some hours with her — She is pretty comfortable again, and made no objection, on her own acct. to my going to Shirley, which I purpose doing tomorrow

2d. day 1/20 to 2d. day 2/4th — Left home via the Fair haven branch R.Road on the 20th. early train for Boston and thence proceeded by the mid day train to Shirley where

2nd mo 1856

I arrived a little before 2 P.M. took lodgings at the Inn. which was about being transferred to Mr. Hall bro. in law of Mr. Waters — from this time to the 2d. of 2nd mo. I was busily occupied at the Office except making a call on two Coy's at the Shaker Village — a deficiency of water & an inadequate water wheel puts a bad aspect on the prospects of the Coy. — The Reservoir continuing below the line which gives our Coy the control of the water, we can get no more than passes their wheels, or the manager of the upper mill chuses to let go from his dam — the steady cold weather retaining in ice & snow all the precipitation from the atmosphere for the last 6 wks. — My conferences at the Office of the Mutual Society and at our own, had reference to some changes in the existing agreements between the Owners & Lessors of the premises, or a release of the latter by the sale or lease of the machinery of the Coy to the Lessors or others — reciprocal propositions to be presented, or prepared at the annual mg of the Coy wch will be held in course on the 4th prox. but the business thereof to be adjourned till the week following.

I left Shirley on the 2d (4th day) but owing to the delay in the arrival of the upper train at Fitchburg not till after 2 Oclk. — and slow speed thence caused by the

snow on the tracks prevented my getting to Boston in time for the N.B. train (4 P.M.) I therefore took lodgings at the "Pearl St. House" and remained over first day, attended Mg. at the "Old South" in the forenoon and at Hollis St. in the afternoon, with both services I was interested, Congregation quite small — contrasting strongly with the living flood which issued from the Catholic Church, and moved in dense mass along the sidewalks — I called between Mgs. to see Aunt Lydia Rotch, who is now pretty well through quite blind, cold as the weather was, and encumbered as the street where she lives was with snow She had been out to their Morning Service, and intended to be present again in the afternoon — I regretted that I did not attend at her Ch.[h] (New Jerusalem) where I learned they had a very interesting Sermon from Thomas Worcester — I remained at my comfortable lodgings after tea engaged principally in writing — On Friday after breakfast made some enquiry at several Confectioners, and bo.[t] a Painted Casper for our dining room and left in the 11 O'clk train for home via Taunton, — but so encumbered was the track with the blowing snow that the train did not get to N. Bed till near 5 P.M. — Had the satisfaction to find my family and our friends pretty well, Mother quite comfortable for her, at whose removal to her bed I arrived at 6 O'clk — We had Thomas and Annie with us at tea

— and Geo Hussey & T. C. allen — were here a few minutes in the evg. to adjourn the An.l Mtg of the Phoenix Cotton manf Coy. to 2d day of next week — The An.l Mtg. of the Rotch Whf Co. was to have been held at my house on 7th day evg last but as I an Treas.r was not present, nothing was done but to adj.n for a week

3d day 2/5 to 1st day 2/10th. Engaged in preparing the accounts of the Phx C. Mfg. Coy & the Rotch whf Coy. on 4th day? we were at an Inn Friends to tea — the party was chiefly in compliment to Bro.r And.w and his new wife — the elder branches of the family being there at tea and the younger in the evg — it was a very pleasant occasion. I had a more efficient Stove substituted at my Cg Room for the small one used last year — that proving quite unequal to the Control of the temp.re of this season tended to in part by the absence of a fire in the room below which was then kept up by its occupant — The business of the Bellevue House viz the negociation by our Agent for its Sale — in which he has been attempted to be circumvented by the present tenant — the contractor for the purchase Francis Basing Peckham, with his brother were here on the business one day the last week — My attendance at mothers has been as usual — I spent an hour or two with her to day — she continues pretty Comfortable — I made a Call at Son.l Franks & Thomas' — and at our Bro.r in law Geo Hussey's for a few minutes. Augt 8th 3d

2d day 2m 11 to 1st day 2/17 — Busily engaged through the week chiefly on the Rotch whf. Coy & the Phoenix C. M.S. Coy business — the ad. mg. of the latter Coy. which was adj. to the 11th inst. was further adjourned to the 19th to admit of A.W. Gris-wold being present as the representative of the heirs of the late D.K. Peery. the affairs of the Concern where however informally exhibited and a Conference was had with Thos. Holden — and at another meeting in the evg. at my house with Jonas Nutting on the part of the Shakers relative to a proposition which had been before submitted for terms &c by which the existing Connection of the Coy. with the United Society would be terminated or essentially modified, as it was quite evident to the Coy. that we could not prosper under the existing State of things — A new proposition was finally made by the Coy — and the Soc'y. were to give their decision on the 19th — I have given my attention at my mothers as usual, and She seems quite, or very nearly as well as a year ago — I was at mg. as usual and — made a long visit as usual at mothers between mgs. — Our neighbor Fred.k Bryant died on 6th. day at 6 PM — after about 10 D. illness with typhoid fever — his illness & its result has called forth a wide manifestation of sympathy among our Citizens by whom as City Treasurer he has been long known & respected — Called at Franks & Thos. 1st day afternoon. — Frank

who had been confined to the house for a day or two with some derangement of his digestive organs, was pretty well again — both the babies well & lively 2d day 2/18 to day 2/24 busily engaged on 2d & 3d days with the business of the Phoenix Cotton Manf Co, the adjournt of the ann. meeting being held on 4th day, it being delayed one day by the non arrival of A.W. Griswold from Newyork, as the representative of D.C. Percy's heirs, on acct. of the obstructions by Snow on the Rail Roads — I visited with my wife at Jo. Grinnells on 2d day eve — and was fully occupied through the week with my own & the Notch Whf. Co's business — On 6th day the 22d I paid the Dividends ordered by the late annual mtg. by calling on the Stockholders severally not excepting Wm. Notch — at whose house I called twice but I think he meant to avoid seeing me — but after the 2d. Call I saw him at some distance in the Street & overtook him. he did not seem at all pleased to see me and asked me what I wanted. I told him to pay him some money on acct. of the Notch whf Co — and that my intention was if I had found him at home to talk about other matters. he said gruffly that he had nothing to talk about & at his proposal we went into J. Arnold's near whose house I met him and there I paid & he receipted for the Div. due him

I had a pleasant call on Wm. H. Swain, who is well but not improved in his powers of locomotion — The Bullock Estate business has also taxed my time considerably — I have given

my usual attendance at mothers — who has been pretty well for her during the week — She had a turn of Nausea last night but has seemed as usual to day — I spent an hour or two with her. J. Howard called this afternoon to point out a defect in the Deed prepared at Newport for the Conveyance of the B. V. Estate, which adds to my labors in this relation — I called this morning at Simpson Hall's house to inform him that my family were willing that a small piece of our Garden adjoing. Wm. Bryants dwelling might be used for a School House for her if it should be wanted, in the judgment of herself & friends. 2d day 2/25 to 1st day 3/2. Occupied through the week with my home & Social duties — at mothers daily several times. who has been pretty Comfortable. We were at a family party at Andrews on 6th day ev'g — Our daughters have joined in the new fashion for Ladies of Skating on the river, the ice being Strong enough for loaded teams — a healthful and exhilerating Exercise — but the occasions are rare when our river in proper condition for this recreation — It is now 6 or 7 weeks that it has more or less used for the trial of Speed of fast horses as well as for Skaters & Iceboats &c. I think I mentioned last week that we had a religious Visit from Rachel Howland on 7th day ev'g She was accompanied by Sarah Anthony and Wm Penn Howland. She spoke interestingly and I hope profitably to us. all the family being present — She has made a general visitation of families in this Preparative Mg. I was

to day at Spring St. Mtg. as usual — Called at the close of the 2d. to enquire after Mary Clifford who is quite ill with an attack of Pleurisy & fever — She was reported by her Dr. Elwin Mitchell as relieved from the more severe symptoms. Called afterwards a short time at E. Motley's. — Thomas was here at the 2d day 3/3 to 1st. day 3/9th. The incidents of the week have had their general character except as marked by a "Calico Party" at Wm. Blackler's at which were our children, and a Company chiefly of our relations at our house on 5th. day, this was curtailed as to A Robeson & wife &c by the confirmation of their fears excited by a telegraphic report of the inconing Steamer Baltic that William Evans had died on his passage out from N. York to Liverpool — his nephew of that name having sailed in the "Africa" about 4 weeks previous. On special enquiry the learned that he was taken sick the night after they Sailed and died on the 4th Day — a very sudden and intense affliction to his family, of which he was the main prop & support, and hope from his high health amiable qualities and prosperous business — There is great reason to fear that his own prediction in his illness will be verified — he said he should die and that his death would kill his mother — a memorable instance of the uncertainty of our mortal life & all its concomitants — Wm Rex's family did join our company — Cousin James Arnold & Fam'y were here, Jos. Grinnell & wife & Jos. G. Grinnell & his wife of those who have very rarely visited us — The latter I had saw Ellen & the Children Ed. being asleep

seen but once and was now first made acquainted with her. She seems bright & pleasing — Mother has been pretty well this week — to whom I have given my accustomed attentions — and spent a couple of hours between meetings with her to day. My Ch House duties have had such attention as my other engagements would permit a visit from N. F. Ackley of Fitchburg with reference to the agency of the Phil B. M. Co — the Municipal election on the jubilant excitement in the way of the friends of the mayor re-elected in which I did not participate except incidentally by going out to meet Mr. Ackley — but whose arrival was delayed till the following day by the state of the Roads from snow & ice — The Belle Vue correspondence has been continued — without yet clearing the entanglements of trick and chicanery with which it has been marked by Hayward and his co-operators. A visit to Newport by A. Robeson & myself is now contemplated in reference to this business

2d day 3/10 to 1st day 3/16th. The Shirley Mill business has taken much of my time the past week A. M. Grinnell arrived here on 3d day eg. and I had an interview with him and accompanied him to Geo Hussey's house, he having returned home from his office unwell we found him too sick to give attention to the business and we retired and with Smith concluded to adjourn the meeting till the next week — And on 4th day I had a long interview with Mr. Griswold whose views coincided very nearly with mine — G. Hussey quite ill and un-

able to give any attention to business. After Bart. with Mr. G & A.G. Smith. I had a long interview with Joseph Taylor - a candidate for the agency of the Sulls of whom I obtained knowledge through Rowland G. Hazard of Peace Dale. his qualifications appeared to be very satisfactory for the Superintendence of the establishment. The rig washed at my house in the eve - and in consequence of the very unsatisfactory State of things at Shirley for want of water we had a very protracted Session say till 2 Oclk AM. & my consequent duties as Clerk took up much of my time for the two following days in writing at home &c - gave my usual attendance at mothers, and the remainder of my business hours at the C.J. House - had my C.J. Room Stove fitted with an extra piece of Pipe with an opening at the base for regulating the Draught & the intensity of the Combustion which promises to answer well. Geo Hussey's illness proves to be a severe attack of Pleurisy & Fever which gives us much Anxiety, and which Dr. Mather's treatment does not seem to control - I have called there several times. and pass an hour in his room this eve - At mothers in the afternoon of Public Worship to day. Our Frank & Elizabeth set off for Florence (near North Ampton) on 6th day to accompany Sarah Howland to their home - Sister P. and Susan & parent & them in the mean time in their family - where the different members of our family are, some or all, daily. Edm. lodges there at night. A Roberson & wife are on a visit at Jam's Plain &c -

2d day 3/17 to 1st day 3/23 Occupied with my usual home Social & business duties and on 4th day I took passage in the Stage for Newport to complete the bargain for the Sale of the Belle Vue Estate, the weather indicated Snow which soon began to fall very moderately - increasing as we approached Newport when it fell fast and accumulated to the depth of about 4 Inches. I called at the Belle Vue House and saw N. W. Hazard, and arranged with him to settle our account in the morning took a hasty glance around the premises — The South lodging house being in transit from its former location to the site where N. W. H. proposes placing it as an appendage to his new Hotel which he has commenced building on the lot next east of our late premises — The Bustin Building which has been the Subject of so much Controversy with A. Smith our Broker in the transaction. W. E. Sedgwick bro in law & representative of Mrs. Bustin & me as agent for the late Owners of the Belle Vue Estate, — was also detached from the main building preparatory to its removal. Mr. Peckham having relinquished his claim to it — I then called on Alfred Smith and with him repaired to the City Clerk's Office to examine into the titles of the House rec'd in part payt. of Fra. B. Peckham & to lodge my deed for 1/2 of the rights conveyed to me individually by Sheriff Carr's deed, but for joint acct. - On our first Mtg. of the property, together with the Power of Atty to A. Smith from my mother & the other heirs of my father to cancel the Mortgage which I made of my 1/2 of the B. V. Est. in 1850 — which done I went with A. Smith to see the house on Mt. Vernon Court (a very pleasant location) when I parted with him

and returned to my lodgings at the Aqueduct House. and after tea settled my acct. with W. W. Hazard. and returning from his house found A. Smith in waiting for me — with whom I completed my business — and when ready to retire for the night with the intention of availing of the N.Y. Boat in the morng. to return, it being 12 Oclk. with the understanding that I was to be called at 2. to go to the Whf. I concluded to go forthwith & get such rest as I could at the Station room there. which I accordingly did, getting there however an hour before the room was open — which time I spent in walking on the long whf. in view of a fleet of small craft which had put in for a harbor — which has but slightly changed probably since my dear father in boyhood traversed & took upon the same nearly a Century ago — the Boat did not arrive till 20 m. to 5 — reached F. River about 6½ & home by the 1st train. being detained some time at Mystic's at 10 — Found our family as usual — my br in law Geo Thurlow reported better which was a great comfort. as his illness at my leaving was thought very critical, and he has since slowly improved — Met Jos. R Williams on the passage from Nport. and had a pleasant conversation with him — A Fancy Ball at Jas Arnold's took the attention of the elite of the city in the evg. which Edm & Ellen attended. Several of our friends were here in the evg. to see several in their

costumes — but after my sleepless night my bed had more attraction for me & I retired without seeing any but on D. Ellen as the "Daughter of the Dawn" to which in aspiring being of classic lore in beauty & loveliness she might not inaptly be associated — Mother has been quite feeble this week — and on 7th day by the visit of B. B. Coffin a relative of Syracuse her sympathies were so much excited by his mourning trouble that she was a — [illegible] prostrated — She was not up to day — I called them with me there 4th after the 2d mg — having previously been with her to the Soc. Friends & Thomas' and at Geo. Hussey's — I saw B. there and arranged to see at my Office to morrow — I passed much of the intermission by my mothers bed —

2d day 9m. 24th. to 1st. 2 day 30th — On 2d day the 24th was the 64th anniversary of my birth — I am therefore far on in the journey of life — may this reflection have a presiding influence over my thoughts words and actions. and induce a constant watchfulness, to appropriate wisely the remaining time that may be dispensed, to promote the good of others and prepare for that change which awaits all, and cannot be far distant from me. having a constant reference to that Omniscient Eye which sees all things, and that wisdom which is promised from above to those who humbly ask and faithfully follow its teachings.

I spent 2d day in promoting my dear mothers wishes to afford our cousin Benj B. Coffin the assistance which he came to

solicit of her, to save his property & prospects from a total loss and destruction — On the eve of that day was an imitation on a smaller Scale and with a very inferior pervading taste, as Eben Perrys of the Costume party given by my Cousin S.R. Arnold last week — at which our daughters were present to my & their regret, since it turned out to differ entirely from what they had reason to expect, Especially on dear Susan who declined our Cousin's invitation — B.B. Coffin dined with us on 2d day, and I made a call with him at Mothers & on J.S. Tillinghast with him in the afternoon. — My ordinary occupations, duties & Cares took up the remainder of the week — on 5th day we had Sue's friend Sarah Howland and her lover Mr Espendorf with some of our children & of G. Hussey's family to tea & Edmund went to Newyork on 3d or 4th day & returned this (1st day) Mg. Geo Hussey steadily recovering from his late severe illness I called to see him to day but found him asleep — called also at Thos' & attempted a call at Frank's — Spent the intermission Chiefly at Mothers, who has now a hoarse cold in addition to her permanent infirmities — She was much affected by B.B. Coffins case, and comforted by the assistance which she was able to render him — She was in her parlor as usual to day, but called in D. Roache on acct of her cold — John Kehew's wife died very suddenly yesterday a very severe affliction to him — I made a call at Cousin J. Arnolds after the 2d Mg.

2d day 3/31 to 1st day 4/6 At home through the week occupied in my accustomed duties and Cares. On 4th day attended the funeral Solemnities over the remains of John Kelsey's wife. and I was two nights at Mothers. — She appears to be so feeble that it was thought doubtful whether she would on one occasion survive the night. Sister Sarah was there also & Sat up — but She had a quiet night. with very sound Sleep. and the next day was in her parlour again the distressing and alarming effusion of mucus from the lungs having in great measure subsided. but her Strength is much reduced. I attended the Quarterly Meeting on 5th day and Sat through the Second Meeting — There seems to have been little change in the meeting through as a general rule the Ministerial actions are of a less imposing stamp as to intellect & Culture than in former years. Mary Parmenter nee Bailey was there & Spoke I think better than formerly — She must be more than 80 years old Elizabeth Gifford of Falmouth and Newell Hoxie of Sandwich I believe, also Spoke interestingly Susan Howland was authorised to pursue her passport of liberty in making another religious Visit to Gt. Britain & Ireland — and to some friends perhaps on the Continent of Europe — the expression of unity was quite large with her engagement — Yesterday the visit on my Cousin William R Rotch's boy threatened Suit in the

note which I sent to him, on the Sub-division of that which was held by his father at his decease, was served by being left at my house — Notwithstanding he justly owes me as a member of this late Steam Mill Co[y] ten times the Am[t] — this will impose much extra labor for the coming two weeks to prepare my Case for publication and vindicate myself from the repudiating charge to which he & his dishonest Colleagues in repudiation are so justly obnoxious — It being a claim to which I can give no voluntary submission — though the law in this case may abet the fraud which it involves — as his lawyers feel themselves justified, under the lax Morality of the profession, in doing. these are I suppose Mr Shaw & Stone with whom I have had communications on the Subject and acquainted them with the State of the facts involved in the Case 2. day 7th to 1. day 13th Occupied most of the week with my office duties and ordinary cares. On 5th day (4) I was with Wm Chase H at Mrs Grene's where was a small party at wh And[w] Emily & her sisters Capt Delano & wife &c I made an acquaintance with Polly Howlands wife which not quite agreeable, she is a niece of Wm Mitchell of Nantucket. the latter part of the week chiefly spent in preparing my exposition of the Steam mill Co[y] & the repudiations of its members of their share of its losses — an unpleasant task, and involving much time & labor but made necessary by the unjust course

of N Nichols in pressing a suit at Court, for a debt which was in fact never due him or if ever due has been cancelled in a ten fold amt or in a ratio approximating thereto.
Mother has had the usual attentions from me — She is more feeble so that for several times She has omitted being taken into her parlor. C. H. Morgan's health seems much impaired, so as to confine him a good deal to the house — Sister P. is better but not able to leave the house — and this (1st day) Ma chere H. is suffering with erysipelas in her face, which came on in the night and has confined her to her room. I was at Mothers in the intermission — and She was taken up a little after 2 — and seemed more comfortable for the change though She hesitated in meeting the exertion which it involved
I called at Chs Edwd Motley's G. Hussey's Franklin & Thos afternoon Eve'g. at home — At meeting at usual at Spring St. House — No only Communication was an impressive prayer from Rhoda Howland in the Mo'g — Aunts 2 day 14th to 1st day 5/3 On the two first days of this period I made preparation for leaving home for Shirley and on 4th day morng took passage in the Fairhaven R R train and passed through Boston, Stopping at Henry Paterson Hoi Stone to the Fitchburg R. R and was at Shirley about One Oclk Occupied from that day to the 2d I was busily occupied at the Cg. room, in conferences & consultations with the Shakers &c about a modification of the Lease of the Mill &c increase of Water power &c except on the 1st days of the week — the first of which being

Stormy I passed at the Village. and attended the Universalist Mtg. and heard two acceptable Sermons from the Pastor Mr. C Soffin, and devoted the rest of the day to reading &c except that about Dusk I walked to the large reservoir, then just full to the top of the flooom — On the next 1st day I had a pleasant walk to the "middle town" and heard two excellent Sermons from Mr Babbidge with whom in his youth I held a highly and agreeable acquaintance, as temporary teacher at the Academy — accepted the invitation of Mr Dodge's Daughter to call at their house in the intermission & had a pleasant hour with them & her bro in law Wilder Dodge for a year or more in the employ. as machinist in wood at the Factory — They all expect to leave this week for a year's visit in Ohio or other Western State — after which I home Mr Nichell called to take me to the Reservoir Dam which in two days previous had given some evidence of want of firmness for the two feet additional pressure caused by raising the head — and made prompt and continued efforts necessary to guard against the Calamity which would have followed its breaking away men & teams were at work and the danger was then supposed to be past — I mounted the beautiful hill N.W. of my lodgings to view the extensive prospect which it Commanded. and then went to the Baptist Meeting — where I heard a Sermon

in Strong Contrast – with Mr Babbidges consecutive sensible, earnest and interesting discourses – On return Home Continued my appropriate reading and wrote to my family at home — My Stay was shortened one day by the intelligence rec'd on 5th day that my dear aged mother wished me to return – as she thought She was very near her end — I left accordingly the next day and arrived here at Dusk – called to see her after tea but She was so feeble that She could Scarcely notice me — She was better however yesterday So as to be again in her parlor Chair. Thought the afternoon – to day She was too feeble to leave her bed though Calm & quiet in mind & body – I was at Mtg. as usual, and called to see the families of our Sons Thos & Frank – the little girls are both unwell from teething. Ma chere H was quite unwell last week so as to require medical advice, but She seems much better to day the Stomach & Bowels seem to be the organs chiefly affected – attended with severe pain part of the time, and loss of appetite — Our daughters were at the Episcopal Mtg. in the city – a Steamer ran near its close for which they were unprepared – gave me the opportunity of going to shelter them on the wide home John Hussey was here with us. – Read in the Rev J. Hamilton's "Happy Home" a series of very interesting religious Essays designed for the working classes but profitable for all conditions of life – The afternoon Mtgs. at Spring St. open for the Summer

2 day 5/4 to 1st day 5/11. Engaged the past week at home, the Cg. Room & my leisure chiefly spent in looking over the papers which I missed during my absence at Shirley — regular attendance at Mothers where debility increases. — She was not up one or two days this week — The painters at work on the Dry Room & parlor — at Mtg today at 8th & St. and in the afternoon at 5th St. also — Called at M. Gifford's prior to the latter and at Franks' & Tho's at the Close of the 8th & St. Mtg Rebecca Hussey & daughter Ann notwithstanding the continuance of rainy weather — they had a good Extempore Sermon from Mr. Worthington in Mr. Rice's Vacation now passing. Spent most of the intermission with Mother who for her has been comfortable to day

2 day 5/12 to 1st day 5/18. Engaged at the Cg House & through the week Spent an evg. with Rachel H & at our new Sister's A. Roberson being absent on a visit to his friends in Penn. I have given my attendance at Mothers: Rachel H & Sister went to Boston with Edm. on 2d day the former with reference to paper for the N. Parlor — they returned in the evg and Edm. the evg following the painters have been busy through the week papering & painting Edm. returned as he went with a bad Cold &c

has confined him to the house under Dr. Abee's Care the last two days — Mother has been very feeble throughout the week — too much so to be placed in her Chair two or three days — her Strength is failing so that it is a great fatigue to prepare her for the Changes from the bed room to the Parlor & Vice Versa. She is a great Sufferer from the infirmities of exhausted nature, which with weakened mind by reason of its failing tenement Can sometimes scarcely bear them with equanimity though She strives to be patient, to the End which She feels to be very near — May She in mercy be Supported by the Divine arm, on which She has endeavored to rely through life to its protracted and Peaceful Close. And may we who are Younger though descending into the Vale of Years, by watchfulness and prayer endeavor to secure that unfaltering trust and resignation to the Divine will which Religion is the only reliable Support and Consolation in trials & Changes which may be our portion before our Summons to the World of Spirits — where Sin & Sorrow Can never come — But alas how inadequate is the Current Conception of us all on these all important points

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2d day 19 to 1st day 25th Engaged through the week at home at the Cg house &c the business connected with my Suretyship on our Son Edmunds notes to the late Mary Faber having had my principal attention. Gave my Statements and computations on 6th or 7th day to S.S. Paine as the executor of M.T. and the adviser of her daughter and heir Jane T Jenkins for revision. The heavy entailment of debt which the disastrous result of the Cotton Mill and the Sands of my associates therein excep Geo. Hussey continuing to give me much anxiety. Mother has been more unwell this week so that since 3d day I have Kept there. her great debility and oppression from large Sunctions from the Lungs making it appear not improbable that she might be very near her end; and release from the painful and Suffering Condition in which she has been so long in. I was at meetings as usual, and Spent the intermission Chiefly with her. She was not up to day nor for Several days past except perhaps once & a removal to another bed while her own could be re-arranged C.W. Morgan returned yesterday 1st (7th Day) from his journey and visit to Dun-cannon &c &c — his health has somewhat improved though he is by no means well.

2d day 25 to 1st day 6th mo 1 Engaged through the Week at home & the Cg. Room &c &c, gave further atten-

tion to the refitting of the timber dock. At mothers as usual except a few times when my time was taken up at the wharf or at home — where I was occupied most of two days with reference to the semi-annual family bustle — She is better than last week but the loss of her faithful and devoted nurse Electra Montague whose impaired health obliges her to retire for a while as last from her post. has been a source of much anxiety from the extreme difficulty of providing a satisfactory successor — another of the family assistants leaves tomorrow on a short visit to Nantucket — Mrs Bowmer is expected to take Ei place till another, who has been engaged, shall be at liberty — I was at Mg. at Spring St House. All. in the afternoon went with bro Benj to Fairhaven to hear Mr Conway of the Unitarian Church Washington, a thorough anti Slavery Man. who gave us an interesting and forcible Sermon of the importance and power of an honest outspoken "No" to individual safety and improvement. to Social reform and progress in Manners politics and religion — to advance in Civilization, virtue and Christianity — He excites the more interest from

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that he is a native of Virginia and the Son of a Slaveholder — I was at mothers most of the interval between the Religious services — Called at our Son Thomas's after the 2d. big — and with ma chez H. at Charlie's after tea. whence I went to hear Ch. C. Burleigh give an anti Slavery Lecture before the female A. S. Society — He is the same powerful reasoner and eloquent expositor of that System which was pronounced by Wesley to be the sum of all iniquities — as formerly — He has the same excentric appearance from his long curling hair and ample descending beard as when here on the former occasion — The truth of his reasoning has a most pertinent illustration in the late outrage at Washington and the enormities recently or now perpetrated in Kanzas, under the Sanction of our base administration to beat down freedom and establish Slavery in that fair territory. which so far to fasten his conclusions in the minds of this Section. Mrs Garrison's motto is right. "No Union with Slaveholders xc" — May a kind Providence over-rule for good, the wickedness of the Administration and its ruffians - who are seeking

to Spread Slavery over a Land Consecrated by the fathers of our Country to Liberty. the hall was crowded and appeared to be in full Sympathy with the Speaker—

2d. day 6/2 to 6/8 At home in my usual occupations at the Cg House & Mr. Boomer took E. Montagues place on 3d day — S. Dickason Rotch has been here since 4th. day — the guest of br. Chs — Sister Sarah having left on a visit to Rodman & Josephine at their farm near Phila. on 2d day — he called at mothers on the day of his arrival and almost daily since — She was quite animated by his visit and his acct. of the State of health &c of his mother now 92 years old — and promising to rival the age of her sister in law if her present activity of mind & body may be the criterion — He was at our house on 7th day eve. at tea with a number of the family circle he is intelligent and gentlemanly in his manners — I was at meet. at Spring & Fifth St. to day — and at mothers as usual much of the intermission — with daily Calls to aid in her removals — The Rev. Mr Snow was at the Episcopal Ch. to day and presented the Cause of the Am. S.S. Union for which he is the Episcopal Ag. for this Diocese — He was with us at tea and gave us an interesting evening — Thos. & Anna were with us after tea. I was at Friends afternoon & evening last Meg. & at Abbott Nay's the widow of Nathl. Nay was of Poughkeepsie, married at Stone St.

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2d day Dec. 9 to 14th day Dec. 15 Engaged at my usual duties through the week, at the Office at home, at Mothers &c — On 2d day afternoon Friend Adams who preached the day before at Spring St. House made Mother a visit with her friend Susan Haviland where she is Staying. Which was very grateful to my mother. She made a feeling Prayer in her behalf. the influence of which sensibly realized though unable to hear the words — On the 3d day we had a visit from T. Dickason Roach with other of the family Circle to meet him — and on 4th day I was at the Ann. Mg. of the Trustees of the Acad. at Old Morgans. where the erection of the building for the Girls School is provided for — on 5th day afternoon Geo. & Betty Hussey took Mother & me on a drive round the River — a road which I had not passed for many years — the weather delightful the County beautiful in its new Summer dress and the roads good & much improved in width & directness. Mrs Boomer left Mothers yesterday, and her place is not supplied, under the Counsel of our Sister Eliza who chooses to have her own way irrespective of the wishes of the rest of the family — Ch. & S. Morgans & Geo & H. Husseys children are this day from their European tour all well

Sister Sarah with Rodman their wife met them in New-York on the arrival of the Arabia 7th day Inst - the former returned home with them — The destruction of their principal baggage by fire at Liverpool with all the relics of their travels was a very annoying circumstance — but one of those Casualties which could not be guarded against — I was at Mtg to day as usual — also at Mothers. Called at Ch Mts & G. Hs. to see the returned travellers with Mrs Chace & in the eve — and I stopped at Franks & Thomas's before going to attend the removal of Mother at 6 Oclk — we finished the day by a call at Edw Mottleys whose family will take leave of New Bedford about the 1st of next month — for the Wh. mountains and a residence in Boston — Friends Mtg. was very small to day in consequence of the large delegation to the Yearly Meeting — which sets to day at Newport

2d day 6/16 to 1st day 6/22d Engaged in my ordinary routine of home, Office and filial duties, with little worthy of Special remark a visit from Frank Baxter on 3d day at dinner, and a company of little folks at tea on 5th day I believe were the only deviations from the family Routine. our niece Susan with three of the little Weld's Rody Cora & Frank

4 of Mrs Emely's Children Willie Helen Belle & Morgan and two of Ellen Edward's Children made up the active & lively group. the weather being unpleasant the three youngest of the Connection were not here viz our two Grand Children and Sallie Potch My attendance at Mothers as usual - they are short handed in the nursing department. which is a source of some anxiety - But the Councils of Outsiders is not desired nor their aid except in personal Services which my wife & Sisters Sarah & Heron are unable to give except in short calls and not at all at night. The weather extremely warm yesterday & to day. So that I Elen at home except my attendance at mothers and Mg at Spring St. house A Roberson returned from Phil: on 6th day last with his brother Jonathan - who seems to be about the same in health as when he left here last autumn. Our Children all went on a party to horse neck beach yesterday - they found the atmosphere Cool at the shore but very warm in the coaches - they got home late. well and tired from pleasant excursion

2d day 6/23 to 1st day 6/29 Engaged in my Cg House duties & giving some attention to dischg the water from the Stone cellar - also some attention to some Carpentery at our house: and some new arrangements in the Observatory

took tea at Sister Sarah's 6th day eve with a family
Party Mrs Rotch Jr & Wm & Anna Robeson being there also
Joanna Rotch &c &c - My usual and some extra attentions have been given at my mothers - her man
having been disabled by being run away with in the
wagon on 5th day last demolishing the vehicle
and bruising him pretty badly - he also broke
the shafts of another wagon which was run
against - mother has been pretty much as usual
as to Physical health but a good deal troubled by
the lack of proper nurses and other domestic
arrangements - our son Edm.d went to Boston
on 6th day and - our bro Edm.d and from New
York the same morng - he brings very discouraging account of his nephew Charles Barrow
sinking rapidly with Consumption - I was at a
Ratification Mtg. of the recent Phil.a Presidential
nominations for the Presidency & V. Pres.y - where
I heard a Mr Davis & my friend Rodney French
delegates to the Convention make interesting
Speeches - at Meeting and at mothers
in the intermission to day as usual, made
a call at C. H. Morgans - who I found was
quite unwell with a cold contracted in a
ride over the new road with Mrs Rotch Jr yesterday
afternoon. I spent ½ an hour with the latter pleasantly

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2d dem 6/29 to 1st day 7 mo 6th. On 2d day a telegraphic despatch informed bro Edmund of the death of his nephew Charles Barrow at his fathers in Skaneateles on 7th day night very peacefully and with all the consoling circumstances which could mitigate the grief of the family circle - who were smitten with the tenderest affection. Bro Edm. left us on 3d day to go there after attending to some business in New York. two letters have been rec by my wife from Sister Betsey one written on the day before he died and the other after the interment - which are indicative of the best support under the affliction. the first of this deepest class, which has been dispensed to our bro and Sister in their family of 10 children - Frank & Eliz. dined with us on 2d day and Chas & Anna & Frank again on the next day when his uncle left us - My time has been employed in attending to my various Concerns, at home the Office and at Mothers - She has been more feeble the past week and for two days has not left her bed: except to be removed to another which the first was re-arranged. The 4th of July was a less unpleasant day than usual the rain prevented much of the bustle, and curtailing the gunpowder demonstrations. We had Rebecca Updegraph at Mtg. S. S. Mtg. in the forenoon, who preached to general edification. She was at the Academy Mtg.

in the afternoon — I called to see at Wm Penn Howland's (who is now the owner and occupant of the house built by my nephew M Rodman) and had a pleasant visit and engaged her to visit my mother to morrow — On the invitation of Rachel Howland my wife Sister Sarah & self saw her at her House. with a number of Rachels family & friends She spoke at the Close of the sitting in testimony and offered Prayer very acceptably — Our Dr Annie was taken ill last night with Cholera Morbus so that her Mother was with her most of the day — She was relieving by Dr Bartlett's administrations. I called after the Close of the afternoon Mgt. having attended at the Bethel for service in the afternoon. the first time for many years — I found a considerable number of Seamen and a very respectable Congregation. Mr Howe still officiating with his accustomed earnestness and acceptance.

2d day 7th mo. 7th to 4th 7th mo. 20 Occupied in my accustomed business at the Cy House at home & at Mothers till 4th day when I wrote till Past midnight to enable me to leave home in the early train to morrow for Shirley — but failing to be able to wholly prepare without using the whole night, I retired and completed my arrangements the next (5th day) in time to avail of the Fairhaven train at 11 Oclk. Arrived in Boston soon after One Oclock, and attended to some

items and made calls at two of my friends' Offices. and used the remaing. hours in walking about the Wharves &c till near the Starting hour 4 Pm of the Rail Road to Shirley — I met my bro: in law Geo Harvey at the Station Messrs Griswold and Allen having preceded us in the 11 Am train. left the Cars at 6 Pm. and G & self walked up the Stream to the broken Reservoir Dam marking the ravages of the flood which prostrated all obstructions to its torrent. Carrying away the Fork Factory and some less important buildings. and undermining and breaking down others in part. demolishing all the Dams below and the 5 roads and bridges crossing the Stream. making the late blooming and Sparkling valley with its busy Spindles &c a Scene of desolation — after Supper I continued my exploration down the Stream to the lower Pond that I could go dry shod - amid the smooth pebble Stones which had been swept down from the Dams & Roads & filling the tail race of the Phoenix Mill filled by the breaking away of the west embankment to the depth of 6 feet for a long Space — This was a damage which I did not expect to find — and its reparation will probably be the heaviest part of the expense on the Phx Mill privilege. Returned on the East bank & side of the Meadow & Stream. through brakes and bushes and got back to the Jun at 9 OCM. where Mess Griswold & Allen soon appeared and a Consulta-

tion was held to be renewed at the mill the next day — in the forenoon of 6th day the conference was resumed Jonas Mitting Baptist pating — and was closed by the arrival of the hour when the President, Geo. Hussey & Allen had to leave to return in the P.M. train from that time till 7th day the 19th I applied myself to the duties of my station as Treas. of the Co except the time required for repose, repast and devotion — sometimes deviating from my accustomed rout to & from the Office — and extending my walk on first day the 13th to the middle town where I attended the two Services of the Un. Church where were delivered two excellent Sermons by Mr Brown. earnest, frank Scriptural, in the intermission I attended the Sabbath School exercises and accepted the kind invitation of old Mrs Whitney and her Son. and Grandson who is the leader of the School to call at their house quite near the Church where I was regaled by a plate of excellent Cherries — had a lovely walk going and returning — wrote to my family after dinner and on the approach of twilight — took a walk through the Shaker Village and far beyond to the South — got home by a Splendid moon light, which lent its peculiar Charm to the lovely Scenery, now arrayed in the deep Luxuriant Vegetation of Summer in this fervid region where on the 17th & 18th the thermometer ranged from 97 to 120 at the highest points, in the Shade & Sunshine respectively

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On 4th day wg. Hy Sull & self had a conference at the Shakers' office relative to the Cd Room floor and on 6th day afternoon another with them, a lumber dealer from Fitchburg & Mr Lapham of Groton Junction at the mill — the Southern portion of the old floor having been removed. and a plan of operations was finally concluded on and measures taken to carry it into effect — by ordering a part of the lumber required from Fitchburg and by Mr S going to Boston to get Southern Pine timber for the rest — the Shakers declaring their intentions of putting the Room and Wheel in good reliable condition. I continued my Office business till noon on 7th day and then left my lodgings and took the Cars for Boston — after leaving my luggage at the Station of the O. C. R. R. I went on an errand which took up the time till near the Starting of the Cars, so that I made no Call except at the Offc of the Daily Advr for the Paper of the day — which occupied me on the ride home — which I reached at 7 & found all well except my wife who was a little complaining from the effects of the late hot weather Edwd absent in N. York I called in the Wg at Brothers. who was feeble not having been up that day. I sat by her till she fell asleep when I

took a walk down by the wharf - and found the Steam Engine &c sold conditionally to Jas C. Halcombe had been removed to the wharf for shipment. and was glad that this last ocular evidence of our unfortunate enterprise had been or was soon to be wholly removed from the locality. I attended meetings at Spring St. to day spent some hours with mother who was in her Chair again to day. had Jas C Halcombe to tea. I called at our Son's Frank & Thos' and was sorry to find little Julia quite drooping - having had something resembling mild Scarlet fever - I called on J.C. Hi's return to see John Pound at the Parker House but found he had returned - Thus in my journey &c &c a kind Providence has continued his watchful guardianship over me & mine for which may we be duly grateful - and strive to manifest it by a stricter watchfulness over our thoughts words and deeds. and thus give visible evidence of the saving faith which the Christian Religion initiates and maintains as the source of true happiness and the Crown of life

2d day Jan: 21 to 1st day Jan: 28th 1856 The week has been spent much as usual in the discharge of my daily Cares & duties on 2d day ev'g. we had Jn'o G Pound and his niece Anna Maria with Aunt Nancy and our fam'y Circle, as many as could come to tea &c Frank & Eliz'h were prevented being with us by a previous engag't

my C[hurch] & filial duties have since divided my time with my home Cares — On 3d day ev'g our daughters were at a party at Gov Howland's on 6th Street and on 4th day ev'g I attended the Republican Political meeting to hear Ch. Francis Adams, who gave a plain, cogent Statement of the reasons which led to the nomination of Fremont & Dayton, and of those which induced him to anticipate their Success Jn[o] Q Adams was at the Meeting and I went afterwards to his lodgings and Spent an hour with him and his niece — They left the next day for Newport had Gov. & Eliz. Harvey to dine & with us on 6th day the first Special visit from them since their European tour. My D. mother has remained without much change except a gradual decline of her Strength and a consequent increase of her Weariness and discomforts. with which She has been so long a Sufferer, until the ev'g of 5th day. when She passed a perfectly quiet night. which She has before not known for months. and very rarely since her Confinement and loss of her locomotive Powers. This was hoped to be a favorable Change but the continuance of the State of Unconsciousness through the following day excited our apprehensions — but as a Similar instance of protracted Sleep if Sleep it may be called. when She revived to more than her previous Vigor gave us hope that the

would yet emerge from it — But this has not been realized and up to this ev. She has remained with very little Consciousness — or with very slight manifestation of any — We now think she is passing away and that her physical distresses as to any painful perception of them are already over — I passed last night in the house and propose to pass the Coming night there also to be at hand if the final Change should Come — I passed my usual hours there to day — It is pleasant that She should be spared at last the distressing Symptoms of her great infirmities, which for years have been her sad experience, and to believe that the remainder of her passage to the world of Spirits, is mercifully stopped so as to remove all sense of Suffering and Pain — I was at meeting as usual to day — and heard an earnest and sensible discourse from Moses Beede of Newport an elderly friend. his wife who is much younger, also spoke in prayer and exhortation. Congdon of Providence was also at meeting and spoke in the afternoon. In the ev. I went to the Unitarian Church, with the hope of hearing a Sermon from Mr. Allen, whom I had last Summer at Lancaster, but his son Preston Allen filled the pulpit to a congregation made very small by the unusual heat of the weather —

2d day 7mo 29 to 1st day 8mo 3 Spent the week at home occupied by my usual cares and duties Spend every night at my d. mothers to be ready to give my services if required by night, as was not improbable from the low state of her vital powers as noted in my last memorandum which continued to wane - during the insensibility which came on in the eve of 5th day the 24th - and which was but imperfectly & transiently if at all relieved by her mortal intelligence. of which she gave but doubtful manifestations - The numerous calls of myself and brothers found little occasion of our aid except by removing from bed to bed that her faithful nurses might most successfully minister to her apprehended necessities. Since she had no longer the power to make her wants known by Speech or intelligible signs - her pulse quick but feeble in conjunction with the heat of the weather made the administrations of liquids desirable and they were taken instinctively as the exhaustion of the physical system required - Thus She continued without any decided change till the morning of 7th day - when I left the house that morning after visiting as usual to my sister Lydia at Fall River. I saw nothing to make me think that the day would be her last - but an hour or two after an evident change occurred and about 9 a messenger was sent to my house to apprise

us of it — I repaired at once to her bed side. and saw that her life was fast ebbing to a close, at 10 I despatched a telegraphic message to my Sister and returned to her room, where the other Children in town were assembled to watch the last moments of our excellent and Venerated Parent. She died at 11 Oclk. without pain or Conscious Suffering — Telegraphic messages of the event were sent to our relations at or near Philadelphia &c and the proper measures taken under the Circumstances — I continued in the house at night and the other members of the family were prompt and Contenuous in their attentions and attendance at the apartments where for more than four years their filial Sympathies have so strongly Centered —

It deemed a Logical favor that our dear mother should have so peaceful an escape from the trials and infirmities consequent on her great age, which have so long pressed so heavily upon her, making her days and nights labor and Sorrow, though lightened by her warm Sympathies of her benevolent heart, in her descendants friends, and in the wider Circles of humanity — embraced by her active and discriminating mind — and to which the evidence of their existence extended

in various forms of kindness and affection — I was at meeting as usual to day — on last 6th d. I stopped on my way to mothers at the town Hall, where I found a large audience listening to the Speech of Fred.k Douglass the Negro Orator — at the close of the Public Celebration of the 1st of Aug.t the Anniversary of the British Emancipation of the Slaves in the English Islands of the West Indies — The years that have elapsed since I last heard him have improved his Oratory the power of which is indicated by the fact that the most quiet and respectful attention was given through his address which did not end till ½ past 10 Oclk — The Scene was in strange Contrast with that in our town in 183 when the N. Eng. Abolition was mobbed and their meet.g broken up though white men of Character and talents were the Speakers — here was a meet.g called by Colored men, who alone occupied the Platform, with a gratified audience of about 1000 people a majority of whom were white and more than half women — This Speaks favorably for the abatement of prejudice and the advance of humane and just principles. Our Son Thomas was

at home through the week and left to rejoin his wife and child at Woods Hole on 7th day — being obliged to leave his Grandmothers dying bed just before she breathed her last

2d day 8/4 to 1st day 8/10 The obsequies of my dear mother and the circumstances connected therewith and with the Changes consequent on her death have engrossed most of my time as well as that of the other members of the family — a short obituary notice appeared in the Mercury of 2d day Morning glancing at the long period embraced by her life and and a few of the remarkable events of a Political character connected with her fathers family — and her own generous and noble characteristics — A more extended notice should be prepared — Her remains were placed over ice in the back parlor where she died and were visited by many of our friends & others who cherished her memory — The interment was announced for 3d day at 3 Oclk by telegraph and otherwise, at the preliminary Services Religious Communications of an acceptable character were made by our friends Lucretia Mott Joseph Davis Rachel Howland and Mary Shove, and the remains were followed to the family lot in the Oak Grove Cemetery and deposited in their last resting place by the

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side of my father. A number of the relations returned with Sister Eliza and our Nieces Sarah Wister and Elizabeth Esther who with Sarah's Son Wm Rotch Wister and from Phil.a that morning as did Jos. & Lucretia Mott and Isaac Winslow and Cousins Jacob & Eliza Barker. but J. Winslow & our nieces & only Came with Special reference to my mothers interment — We expected the latter to be our Guests. but Sister E. preferred to have Sarah & Eliz.h with her and they preferred to be at the home so long associated with the recollections of their Grandmother — The interment was one day earlier to avoid the battle and excitement connected with the arrival of the yacht Squadron for the Regatta which was to be on 4th day. J & E. Barker on the latter with Sarah Harrisons four boys. J. having been to Boston hoping to join S & Anna Ward's Children to their little company on their visit to Jacobs Sister at Nantucket — and were called on by different members of the family which were relieved — They left for Nantucket — Our nieces dined with us on 5th day — and W.P. Wister left for Jam.a Plain on 7th day afternoon with his Mother for Sister L.i in Fall River — On the morning of the latter day — mothers will was read to the heirs here at mothers house — and S.M. took a copy of it to Sister L. at Fall River —

— I was at Meeting at Spring St. to day and with my wife at the Episcopal Church in the eve.g to hear

Mr. Salter who gave us as he has generally done when he has been occasionally here, a good Sermon. Walked to mothers at the Close of the Services but did not stop as the family were at C.W. Morgans 2d. day to 1st. day 11th. My duties as Executor has taken most of my time this week — prompt measures being desirable to make an inventory of the things in the house, and distribute them to the heirs by the aid of those here including the Fishers who expect to leave for home next week — The appraisers began their duties on 5th day, and the week has been Chiefly Spent in carrying out the provisions of the Will as to this branch of my mothers effects. Sister Lydia came on 6th day and joined Sister E & son Phil.s relations in a visit to our Son Frank's in the Woods — Sister E went home 7th day 5th P.M. — I going with her to the Station & putting her under the Care of my wife's old friend Stacey Collins — after making a distribution of the most desirable books I took about 5 barrels of Books and Pamphlets to the Academy Library — these unusual engagements through the week made it necessary for me to Spend the day in making my business entries at my C.H. Room — The Chief task in the distribution fell upon the women. Chl. & Benj.n having set off on a Water excursion of 2 weeks with Geo Henry and Cooper Tuft — The health of the former being the principal reason for the Sea Voyage in

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the attic Sch. Effort Cabs Sherman - Thos wife & child are still at Woods Hole - little Julia being quite well again - Thomas - Spends 1 or 2 days with them, and returns to his business for the other Six - Edw & Wm Logan joined him yesterday in the passage in a small boat Specially engaged - I went to day to the funeral of Edw. Hussey's wife, and to the Wkly St meetings - giving some attention this mg & afternoon to the arrangements for making the bath houses useful again to the young members of the families who have an interest in them - Circumstances have prevented my completing the necessary action to that end earlier - Our old Servant Jackson Hawkins arrd from California yesterday mg. - His drunken & reckless wife must make the family meeting Sadly alloyed to him - I called to day at C. W. Morgan & Jon Frank's and we had a short Call from Eliz. Fisher Ch. Fisher arrd 6th day from Newport where he found the air & temperature to his Complaints - He looks very delicate

2d day 18th to 1st day 24 I spent most of this week in duties at Mothers in anticipation of my Executorship on my Dear Mothers Estate my Sisters and wife being also there much of the time - We found much to do to arrange and distribute the accumulations of so many years. and much to remind us of the bountiful hand and practical wisdom

of our departed mother. Eliz.ᵗʰ Foster left us with her bro.ʳ Chs. I believe on 2.ᵈ Day — and Sarah Minter on 6.ᵗʰ Day P.M. for Fall River & home. without any Special attendant — I sent a telegraphic message to my bros. H & H Barrow in New York whose son met her on the arrival of the Steamboat and attended her to the Cars at Jersey City — his aid was very important to her, as she had had her purse Stolen cont.g however but a few dollars & her baggage Check — as we were advised by a letter from N. York ult.ᵒ this mg — I was at meeting as usual at Spring Street House and called to See my Sister Eliza in the afternoon who is now quite alone in the house except the Servants. I feel for her in her desolation her mother and with her filial occupations & to which She has been devoted for so many years all gone. Her plans for the future She postpones for future consideration and decision — I went to hear Mr Salter again with my wife and Children (daughters) this ev.g. he ^has^ been out 1.ᵗʰ Day ult.ᵒ — he gave us a good Sermon from the text

Edm.ᵈ went to Boston on 6.ᵗʰ Day & returned in the Ev.ᵍ — Frank & Eliz.ᵃ & Thos. H. Scott with us at tea on that day — also Sarah Collins with Fr & some of the Hussey cousins in the week

2d day 25 to 1st Day 31 I have been considerably occupied the past week with reference to the Steam mill narrative which the unrighteous suit of Wm R Notch impels me to make public to put things in their right light, and to prevent unmitigated fraud usurping the place in the public mind of outraged integrity. The anticipated presentation for probate of my mother's will on 3d day next at Sedcote has required some of my time. On 5th Day P.M. I attended the Ceremonies on laying the Corner Stone of the Free Public Library which were marked by unmistakeable evidence of the deep interest of the Community in the purpose of the undertaking — An address was afterwards delivered by James B. Congdon to a crowded auditory in the City Hall which probably could not accommodate one half who would have liked to be there — The address gave numerous incidents connected with the early history of the Town from the date of its incorporation in and the first movements towards increasing the facilities for reading and intellectual improvement by public provision for One School master. and the formation of 3 Library associations. all of which Collections were finally united into One — and the whole consisted of about 5000 Volumes transferred to the City soon

after the passage of the Law of authorising
Towns & Cities to make Appropriations for free Public
Libraries — He introduced notices of the Men who had
been most prominent in the Cause of Education
with high Eulogiums on Some of them which could
not in one instance at least be ratified by his au-
ditors. And this overwrought Panegyric was decidedly
in the bad taste which the Speaker is proverbially
apt to fall — With these exceptions it was an
interesting production and will tend to preserve
many interesting recollections of the early days
of New Bedford which by the removal of the
actors on that Stage of its history were fast fading
away — Rob[t] & Anna & their little Girl took final
leave of Woods hole on 2[d] day — the Cotter much better
by the Change of air wider Space for enjoying it in
its Purity — They with Frank & Lizzie have been with
us Several times, to tea &c — Our daughters are meditating
a jaunt to Fruton Falls &c and Ma chere H a visit to
our bro[r] Family at Rainsdales — with Frank as their
guardian & Jn[o] Sarah Hussey & the young party who
will probably extend their journey to Niagara &c. I
was at meeting as usual at Spring St. House. Called
with Ma chere H at Sister Sarahs. at Sister Elizas &
at A Robesons. at parting Calls by my wife previous to her
journey. I called at M Gifford's at the Close of the last Mo[th]. She is ill
but her Symptoms are to say more favorable

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2d day 9mo 1 to 1st day 9/7 – The preparations of mch where H & daughters to leave home with John & Sarah Hussey for a journey in Western New York – our Son Francis going as the escort of his mother & sisters as far as Skaneateles where my wife will stop to make a visit to her Sister's family after their recent sorrow in the death of their Son Charles – was the chief object of attention in the fore part of the week – attended with some fears lest the plan might be frustrated by my wife's health which was interrupted by a cold and headache but by great care & with Dr. Abbe's encouragement it was thought prudent to set off, which they did on 4th day afternoon for N. York – the Hudson River & via the E.R.R.S.W. Line. the weather was fine and has continued propitious – and we have heard of them safe & with improv. health at West Point – The absence of Fr. from his fam. requires Edm. as Protector at night to the latter which reduces our numbers to Sister Myself at breakfast My own time has been chiefly given to the preparation of a history of the Steam Mill Suit – by which I have to deeply suffered. to protect my good name if I cannot my property from further aggression by one of my late unprincipled associates who has sued me at law for bal of a Note which he holds against me – which in truth & justice he owes me about ten times the am.

We had Annie & Thos & sweet little Julia with us at dinner on 5th day — I was at Mg. as usual to day — In the forenoon we had a sweet exhortation from our friend Rachel Howland whose intelligence and piety joined to great [illegible] of person gives her communications great interest — I called at Sister Elizas & S. Rodman Morgan & his Josephine were with us in the eg. Edw went to Providence & returned yesterday. S. McGinnis the Cook took herself off by reason of the dentist's 2d day 9/8 to 1st day 9/14th. Engaged Chiefly through the week in investigations relative to the history of the Steam Mill Fraud which has been before alluded to. On 4th day I had one of the Elm trees cut down which interfered with the correctness of my rain gauge mem.a Sister Phebe on the same day was subjected to a Severe attack of Pain in the Chest caused as Dr. Abbe judged by too much exercise in putting about the house on whom the Care has devolved too entirely by the desertion of the family by Sally McGinnis the Cook, Consequent on her indulgence in her besetting sin intemperance. And the absence of Harriet to see her brother who was reported very dangerously ill with a bilious affection — the latter however returned Providentially about the time that Sister was disabled — her brother's symptoms having become favorable. Give some attention to Office

cases — but postponing all that might well be left to the more pressing business first mentioned. Sister has soon believed so as to be able to resume some attention to the family (Edmund in the parlor to herself & me) and to receive the Calls of sympathy & friendship from her friends — I was at Meeting to day at Spring St. and in the eve at the Univ. Meg. where Rev. Robert Allen gave a Sermon on the sufferings and outrages perpetrated by the Pro Slavery Ruffians backed by the power of our execrable Administration at Washington.. The new Cook engaged by Foster Came this eve- we have pleasant tidings from our dear Travellers 2d day 15th to 1st Day 21 Engaged chiefly the past week in writing my defence against W R Botches Suit — gave the necessary attention to home duties, and a little time to Cy Town concerns — On 4th day eve I had the pleasure of meeting my dear Wife and Son Francis at the R.R. Station on their return from their travels & visit at Skaneateles in good health and on the next eve Came our daughters and their Companions Jn.o & Sarah Hussey from whom Frank parted at Niagara, on return to meet his mother at Syracuse. to which place She was accompanied by brother Jn.o Barrow. They Came via Albany & Springfield &c and the others by the Erie Rail Road New Haven &c — They had very favorable weather, fine moon light nights and gen-

eral health (Sues Colds being the Chief exception) and on the whole a very Satisfactory journey, during as I hope profit as well as pleasure from this broader field of observation to impress their minds more deeply with the Goodness & Love & Power to plainly allected by wonders of Nature in the grandeur, variety & beauty of the Creators works — May we be duly sensible of the trusts which life and our position & opportunities for action & improvement imply, and seek the Divine Grace & blessing to enable us to acquit ourselves of them acceptably, as in his divine Sight. — On the same day as our Children Our Cousins the Arnolds & party returned from the White mountains where Eliz. was ill for three weeks very seriously a part of the time — Mr. Chen & Self called to see them on 6th day eve — all pretty well & Eliz. regaining rapidly her healthful appearance —

Was at Mg to day as usual — and preceded that in the afternoon by attending the little Meeting at 5th St — We were invited to tea on 6th day at Gw Harveys — but declined from my inability on acct of a local inflamation on my right arm to enjoy it. Bro Andrews family Sister Esther & Children. Chl & Benj returned 6th day from their fishing excursion in the Steam boat from Nanshon. their vessel being disabled by sickness on the way

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2d day 22d to 1st day 28th I have been engaged with only necessary exceptions in investigations, Calculations and generalizations of the Accts & records of the late St Mill Coy. to prove the uprightness of my conduct in relation to that unfortunate concern against the dishonest charges and insinuations of my unworthy Colleagues now made imperative by the wicked prosecution which my Cousin W. R R. has brought against me — To make the matter plain and intelligible to those whom I wish to enlighten, much labor on my part is necessary — But I have fortunately in the superior method and perfect accuracy of the account books — and in the records of the Coy. though meagerly kept while in charge of one of the Conspirators — proof positive and negative which is irrevitable, and to which as in the answers to the bill of Complaint filed by order of the Coy. to obtain an equitable distribution or apportionment of the Loss sustained misrepresentations & false allegations sustained only by their declarations signed & generally sworn to under the lead of their unprincipled advisers — as I would & must charitably think without considering the nature of the act they were committing — on 6th day Eve I called at Lydia Russells to see Francis & Abby Hussey of Dancaster

Thomas & Annie and Francis & Elizt have been with us at some of our meals & at other times with their Children — and many of my wife's & daughters friends have made calls on them — among them on 6th day Cousin S. R. Arnold — also her husband to enquire of me in relation to the Belle Vue business — I attended on two evenings Political meetings viz the Dedication of the Fremont Camp and to hear Jas. Brooks of N. York address the pro Fillmore partizans — in this place. The meetg. was large and the address an able one — making the most of a bad cause — Curiosity rather than sympathy with the objects, inducing the large attendance — I was at mtg. to day as usual at Spring St. House — that in the afternoon beginning at 3. O'clk. in accordance with the season and shortning days — A fine rain this week has refreshed the dry and dusty ground, and will I trust entice the workmen to the fields to nourish the Grasses, who warm with our race, and beautify the landscape which is already marked with the variegated and brilliant tints which autumn throws over the forest.

Sister Eliza was here at tea with Tho's & Annie — My peculiar engagements obliges me to forthcome the calls on her & others of the family which I'm fain more frequently make.

2d. day 9m. 29th. to 1st. day 10m. 5th. 1856 I have been chiefly occupied the past week in preparing my defence as Treas. of the 87th Mile Coy against the further prosecution with which I am threatened by process of Law by my late unworthy associate W.M. Rotch — which preparation has involved some laborious reviews of Accts. balance Sheets &c &c which require much time to give them the force which in fact their course of reasoning inherently possesses of mathematical demonstration, when fairly presented and considered — I have given the attention which the financial embarrassments entailed on me by the fraud of my colleagues has made indispensable — but I am sorry to say that I have failed to obtain the Bank accom. which I have so long had — and I have been compelled to suffer a note to lie over unpaid — I attribute it however to no want of good will on the part of the Directors who have shown me great kindness in the administration where it was done for the last 6 years — Our sons & their wives were with us on 6th. day eve at tea and at other times incidentally. I was not to day as usual and at the close of the 2d walked home with Aunt Nancy — and saw a letter from my fd. Jul. T. Pond of Baltimore who feels great interest in the Presidential election now at hand, as we all should or do, but his hopes rest on Fillmore while and nearly all in the Free labor States rest on Fremont

Afterward called at Mary Gifford's — and to my regret found there her friend Elsie — who has shown himself no friend of mine — and whom therefore I never wish to meet — She seems in great degree restored to health — her friend Elsie Mitchell remains well.

2d day 10/6 to 1st day 10/12 My wife was apparently pretty well on this day week but did not go out — She retired early to bed — when I found that she was quite ill — She however omitted sending for the Doctor — but about midnight She wished Dr Abbe called. and he was soon in attendance the attack was of a bilious character and she was confined to her bed several days — but is now improving though slowly — This illness prevented our daughters leaving home for Penn to visit their relations then on 3d day with their bro Edm — Susan however had a cold which will have made it imprudent for her. and before the close of the week Ellen had a cold so that the journey for them was deferred till this week — Their bro however set off on 5th day Pelt. as his business engagements would not allow him to delay. They now expect to leave to-morrow afternoon — Our friends have been very kind in calling to show their sympathy. I have been continuing my business in the Observatory with reference to the exposition of the Astral mile found — giving only the quite necessary time to other duties — At night to day as usual. Called at Sister Sarahs & took some pains in the middle of the week to prevent the nomination of J. D. E. for Congress

2d day 10/15 to 1st day 10/19 Occupied chiefly with my Pamphlet — giving however the necessary time to other matters which could not yield precedence — ma Chere H continued to improve after my last note. to that our dear daughters completed their preparations for leaving us for their contemplated visit to their & our friends near & in Phila — on 3d day they proposed to set off but a storm prevented, and on the day following they departed under the care of M. Hacker of Dennis & Expect to Fall River thence under the protectorship of Hale Remington and from Newyork with their brother Edmund who met them on board the Boat on her arrival — the weather was very fine and we have heard of them Safe at their Cousin S Rodmans Morgans — I have nearly finished my pamphlet and took it on 6th day Pell to my legal adviser J.H. Clifford to look over that I need not commit myself to further prosecution at law for anything therein — Spent some hours in making enquiries and examination with reference to a new Cooking Range of which my wife has long felt the need but which pecuniary troubles obliged us to postpone Sis Eliza and many of our other relatives & friends have called through the week. I was at Meeting to day as usual — In the forenoon Rachel Howland made a touching and impressive Prayer — In the aft I read some of Dr Arnold's Sermons, and in the bible to my wife Sister H Harriet. Sisters health has for a long time been very poor, and is a constant sufferer from cough, Stiffness of the Chest, Side &c. So that it is very rarely that she can be free

2d day 10/20 to 1st day 10/26 — On 2d day I saw J. H. Clifford in relation to my pamphlet — He discourages its publication as liable to subject me to prosecutions for libel, against which the the libellous matter which the parties implicated in the Steam Mill fraud had filed in Court would be no defence. The lawyers it seems are a privileged class in Courts as well as in the Conf. and are not amenable like other men for their offences against property and character. I shall therefore emasculate the manuscript if published as an introduction to the abstract of the doings of the Co. at their Corporate meetings which I have prepared as an appendix to the pamphlet — as proof of the truth of my allegations. As I have no idea of being further harrassed in the law by these irresponsible abettors of fraud. — had the masons here on 1st day to begin to remove the old range preparatory to setting up the new one .. which is quite a serious operation, the brick oven being also to be rebuilt — Attended the meeting at the Fremont Camp to obtain aid for Kansas — I was made one chairman of the Com.e for organizing a plan for canvassing the City for Contributions, which took nearly all my time the last days of the week — On this 1st Day I called on the several Religious Societies to get knowledge of suitable persons to to serve on the ward Committees — Attended meeting as usual — The masons are progressing with their job & will probably continue at it till the middle of next week — I am purposing to leave home for Syracuse on 2d day next —

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2d day 10/27 to 1st Day 10/2 — I postponed my other business on 2d day and omitted my attendance at the Pocasset Quarterly Meeting to go to the Kansas Collection — and continued my attentions 3 day forenoon, when the arrangements for the Sub Com.ee were completed — and I left in the afternoon for Syracuse via Hall River and Newyork arrived at the latter place in the "Bay State" Steam Packet and had time to call at H H Barrow & Sons Store previous to leaving in 12 O'clk train for Albany, which arrived about dark — and I continued on with the train and reached Syracuse about Midnight & took lodgings at the "Syracuse House" — The next Morning found that A. Roberts was at the "Globe" Hotel but did succeed in seeing him till near two O'clk when by appointment we were to meet Isaac S. Smith on the subject of our contested Claims on the Onondaga Salt Coy. for the Dec.d due on the Stocks in said Coy which I am interested as Exec.r — the Grantees of Stephen Smith the former Agent of the Coy. claiming under a bond of indemnity from the late S. Smith on behalf of the Dec.d declared payable in the 5th Month last — O. T. Benn one of the Gr. Grantees was at the Conference, and it was agreed that a suit at Law should be commenced by me as Exec.r against the Coy, with the understanding that the decision should be referred to 6 Leavenworth or some other competent man

to determine our respective rights under the original agree
between Stephen Smith and his associates in the enterprise
— In passing through N. York I obtained from my bro in Law
Jas Barron a letter to Daniel Gott a lawyer in Syracuse
having his Confidence for Character and legal knowledge
and with him was left the management of the business
on the part of those whom I represent — Having walked through the Salt fields and to the new Site of the
Ja 800 Coons ordered to be removed — and walked to
some extent over the City I made Calls on my bro in-law
at their hotel and on J. Smith Thorp at his lodgings
and returned to Supper preparatory to leaving at 11 P.M. for
Albany &c on my return home — arrived at A. about 4½ A.
M & stopped till 8 A. at the Delavan House a model Hotel
on the Strictly temperance plan — which in its mag-
nificent arrangements eclipses every hotel that I have
seen. Mr Delavan one of the most efficient Pioneers
in the temperance reform having Completely turned the
tables on the Score of elegance Comfort & Gentility on all
the Rum Establishments in this Country — I spent
an hour or two in walking over the Albany pier
of more than ½ a mile in length forming a Capacious
Basin for the numerous Canal & river Craft which
seek & find business at this terminus of the Erie
Canal — I took breakfast in the Splendid eating room
filled with 15 or 20 Elegant tables in a double row, and

a dozen seats with room enough in the hall for double the number of tables when required, with a full corps of young female waiters, under the orders of the head waiter who walked and watched with vigilance and conscious dignity, that all the guests were well and promptly cared for. — It was my wish to go down the River by Steam boat — but I was disappointed, as the Day Boats had been withdrawn for the Season, a day or two before. The ride down as up was very pleasant affording a tolerable view of the Scenery on the West Bank, but much less satisfactory to a Stranger as I was, than the more Moderate motion of the Boats for a just appreciation of its unsurpassed attractions. Arrived at N.Y. about 2½ Oclk — allowing little more than time to get dinner and leave in the Bay State at 4 P.M. — found a very good meal at 55 Broad way "Russells" — I repaired onboard the Steamer — Which was soon under way and with the prospect of a pleasant night and a good Passage — But when about 10 miles East of Sands Point — as I was getting into my berth an alarming and Continuous Crash, threw all onboard into Consternation. all the flooring roof and decks being demolished in the wake of the Walking Beam which it proved had broken in the middle dashing in ruins all beneath

it till it reached the heavy timbers which formed the foundation of the Engine, which resisted the falling masses — The head of the large working Cylinder was immediately blown off by the Power of the Steam, when thus Suddenly released from its heavy load — filling the Saloon with Steam and killing an interesting little Girl of about 10 years of age — who in passing from her Parents in the after part of the Saloon, Stopped to see the working of the Engine through the Glass, as she was going to their Stateroom. The whole Qtr. of Steamer so soon cooled by its expansion that no others were seriously injured — two men by opening their Stateroom doors on hearing the Crash were Scalded by the Steam but not very Seriously — In about 2 hours the Passengers were taken off by the Steamer Worcester bound to Norwich — where we arrived about 5 AM — before leaving the Worcester the passengers by the Bay State were convened in the Saloon — Called to order — a Chairman & Secretaries & Com.ee to draft resolutions appropriate to the circumstances appointed — the Resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Meeting Closed by an appropriate Thanksgiving and Prayer by the Chairman the Rev. Mr Topliff which were united in with deep Solemnity by all for our deliverance from Sudden death, except the little Girl, for whose bereaved Parents Divine Support & Consolation

were imperviously mustered — We reached Providence via the Plainfield R Road about 9 AM — Breakfasted at the Station and walked an hour in the City and came home by the mid day train, & after going to the South part of the City to find for a poor Irish woman the family where her daughters were at service — I had the pleasure of finding the family in its reduced numbers by the absence of our daughters well, with recent favorable accounts from them — As I was not expected home till to day (1st day) no anxiety was felt on my account on learning by telegraph of the accident onboard the Bay State — Thus has ended my business jaunt — and may we be specially thankful for the protection, on this occasion, and accordingly consider that under all circumstances our sole reliance is on the Unslumbering Shepherd whose Providential arm is our constant support and his merciful hand dispenses to us all our blessings. Remained at home through the afternoon & eve —

The new arrangt. of the Cooking fixtures seems to have been successfully accomplished, though it proved a much longer job than I expected — After breakfast I walked to my bro. Benj.n to show him the copy of my bro Rowland G. Hazard's Speech at Narragansett, on the great issues now pending on the presidential Election but he was at Brookline — rode in with Sister Susan and her

daughter — and attended meetings as usual — made a call on A. Hillman to show him R G. Hs. Speech — and called after the 2d mg. with me there & at Thos. Nancy & and at our son Thomas'. — Their little girl being quite unwell — for which the D. recommends Tidings — They did not return till near 6 Oclk which allowed us to see little of them as the carriage (his uncle Roberts) was availed of by his mother for Thomas to take her home — D. Abbe and wife & Mrs Hooper called on us in the eg. — after I had read several Sermons to my wife Sister & Harriet from D. Arnold's Volume.

2d day 11 mo 3 to 1st day 11/9 Occupied through the past week by my Home and Counting house duties, after having Completed the abstract of the Records of the A.B.S. Mile Coy. and put it with same in extenso into the hands of W.H. Taylor for comparison and the verification of the abstract by his notarial Certificate — Gave some attention to the Kansas Civil Com.ee who's success had dis appointed my hopes —

Our niece Elizabeth Burrey was confined on 6th day eg. with a fine boy — mother & infant doing well, Ellis Morgan was absent he & his son in law H. Wotch having left for Phila. the early in the week

The Election has passed, and J. probably as Buchanan as the President for the next term — a result much to be lamented as the Organ of the Slave Democracy pledged to carry out their atrocious policy of planting Slavery into the territories now free & which were solemnly dedicated to Free Labor in 1820 —

I called to day at Sister Elias W.H. Allens & the Hussys after my 2d mg. at the Mtg.

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Spring Street house. at the last place in the city after I had read to my wife & Sister several of D^r Arnolds Sermons.

2^d day 11 mo 10 to 1^st day 11/16 Occupied in my various duties at home & the City House. and to some extent with reference to the Kansas aid fund — which has been a more struggle affair than I anticipated the Public have not sympathized so deeply in the sufferings of the free State emigrants as I supposed — and the Contribution will not be one half of what I hoped would be realized. I have been specially disappointed in the 6^th ward. in the lack of Volunteers or of pressed Service in those who consented to serve on the Sub Com^es so that to this time no consistent effort has been made except by a young lady Miss Hannah Allen who canvassed one small district with a meagre result — I saw Cad^r Jon^a Hoffman this day at my. and I hope he will do. What his feeble health will permit — Our family with the offsets Tho^s & Franks took tea at Wm C. Scattergoods on 4^th day ev^g. no others were there except Elkins Sister Hannah Perry — They were exceedingly kind hospitable and made us a very pleasant visit — Sister E — and Frank & Eli^a were with us at some of our meals, and Thos & Annie and Julia & Mary were in several times — The failure of my C. Room Stove interrupted much of one day and the replacing the double Windows in the Green House took my time in assisting the Men of another —

— At Mtg to day as usual & Called to see Sister Eliza & W. H. Allen about the Kansas business he being one of my associates on the Com^e

2d day 11/17 to 1st Day 11/23d A 2d day had a call from O. T. Burt relative to a loan for the Onondaga Salt Co. relative to which I had been in correspondence with him. failed in my applications to the Banks but succeed from a private source. My engagements domestic. Count[y] House & Executorial with some time given to my proposed publications, and the Kansas aid fund have occasioned me busily. Our son Thomas with his wife and little girl were with us at dinner & tea this week. Sister Elizabeth also. Rachel H & self took tea at Matthew Howland's on 7th day eve[g] to meet Isaac Collins & wife. the former recovering from a very severe attack of Gout & Rheumatism of 6 mon. duration. They have been some days at New Bedford Rebecca made acceptable offerings in testimony and Prayer at both meetings to day. that of the forenoon was attended by her husband — the first that he has attended for 3 months. I called at Sister Sarah's & at Sister Elizabeth's between meetings and at Thos and Franks for a few minutes just before tea — in the eve[g] we had a call from David Meek. formerly Principal of Friends Academy. who is on a short visit & stop with W. P. S Cadwell. whose wife (nee Caroline) was one of his or Wm. Mis — formerly Braytons pupils — his health is much better than formerly — which he ascribes to the efficacy of a course of Water treatment which he underwent at Brattleborough ten years since. He now has a flourishing School for Young Ladies at Wellington Hill.

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2d day 11/24th to 4th day 11/30th I have given considerable attention the past week to the Kansas Collections but without bringing the business to a close The business of my mothers Estate and my own domestic and private affairs occupied the time not thus Spent — I went with ma chose H to the Ne Congregational Church on Thanks Giving day to hear Mr. Parker the Minister of the Parish — It was said to be a good discourse for one of the kind but it was not attended with the unction which I had hoped for. — On 2d day Eve I went to the Lyceum. the 1st of the Course — the Lecture was N P Banks Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives — which was an able discussion of the elements of National progress and decay as illustrated by the history of the past — In the circumstances and elements now acting in this great Republic greatly critical is our position and on the wisdom and patriotism of the people will depend to solve the problem whether our progress shall be onward and upward or the reverse — Liberty hall Theater was well packed in front of the Stage. Our Children Fred & Eliz. dined with us on the 27th — and we had Benj. Family in eve. Then Children &c from Jamaica Plain with Emily Rotch & F & E. to tea on 6th Day — As usual to

2d day 12/1 to 1st day 12/7 My time the past week has been chiefly taken up with the business of my Mothers Estate aiding the Appraisers to go on with their inventory &c — On 2d day rode and walked with them to see the Real Estate belonging to her — and on 3d day rode to Fair Haven with them for a similar purpose — 5th day was the Quarterly Meet[ing] of Friends which I attended and remained through the greater part of the day for business — Dr S.B. Tobey Jn[o] D Laing and two other Male Friends were there and took part in Ministry &c. On 3d day eve[ning] I went to Lyceum to hear the Veteran Politician Thos H Benton deliver his lecture on the Danger which now threatens the Union which was very largely attended. His premises seemed well and for a Southern man and a Slave holder, very Candedly Stated. and I could not dissent from the force of his main conclusions. as to the danger connected with the agitation of the Slavery question in the non Slave holding States with reference to the Stability of the Union. and the effect in retarding all measures at the South for Ameliorating the condition of the Slaves and in fact making their condition more and more depressed and hopeless as to any peaceful amelioration. But for the agitation at the North

which is the aliment and reliance of the traitorous
disunionists of S. Carolina to advance their
Ambitious but Suicidal Projects. involving the
most disastrous consequences not only to the State
holding State but to the whole confederacy. and
to the Cause of liberty & Civilization throughout
the world. - I was struck with gentleness
and amenity of his manner - which contrasted
with the idea which I had formed of him from his let-
ters democratic political career. nearly as strong-
ly as did the plain & kindness of W.m Lloyd Garrison's
manner with the scathing energy of his Abolition
Speeches and writings - Benton charges the Slavery
excitement to S. Car.a in its origin. and as being
fostered by the Disunionist party of V.t J.C. Calhoun
was the Chief promoter for their restoration ends.

On 5th day I went to Fall River with the Apprais-
ers to see mothers land in that place - we had
a satisfactory perambulation - and visit at
M.H Ruggles Office and house. where we dined
and had the Company of Julia & Margaret to
join in the kind hospitalities of my Sister. whom
I was glad to find in better health than I
have known her to be for many months - I
was at Mg this day (1.st) as usual. was at Charles'
& James Arnolds in the eve - we have advices from our
absent daughters of their return on 6.th day next.

2d day 12 on 8 to 1st Day 12/14 — Engaged considerably in the early part of the week in relation to the Kansas Aid Fund — which I despatched after having had a correspondence with two persons to Amos A Lawrence on 5th day am about $850. who offered his services to Correct distribution among the necessitous free State Emigrants in that Territory. At Chairman of the Com. most of the arrangements and management of the Concern devolved upon me — On 6th day morning we had the great blessing of welcoming our dear daughters in health and Safety to their home again. The Storm of 1st day evening their mother thought would divert them from the water to the land route — who was therefore Spared the anxiety which She would otherwise have felt — I was of a different opinion. The Storm was over at the head of the Sound about 8 OClk when they left Cow Bay where they were at Anchor about 3 hours and had a fine moon light wind for the passage. They were absent more than two months and the pleasure on their part was equal to that of ours — though they have enjoyed their visit highly having had constant kindness and attention from their relations and friends — I was at meeting on usual

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that of the afternoon was very small on account of the Storm - preparatory to going to Shirley tomorrow I had to be a while at the C.S. room between meetings - and made Calls on our Children, Geo. Hussey & bro's Andrews family - He and his wife have just returned from their Journey on 4th. day morng - Wm & And.r. J. were also there - the latter having arrived unexpectedly from Switzerland where he has left his family, to pass a few weeks with his relations at home - A note from Cousin SR Arnold this eg announced the decease of Caroline Rotch She has been very ill for several months and died to day about noon -

2d day 15 to 1st day 21 Left home in the 8½ train via Fitchburg for Boston & Shirley Stopped only at a shop without seeing our C.S. Selling Agents in Boston and was at Shirley about 1 Took my old quarters at Hall's and went to the mill and examined the premises the repaired Dam & Race way the new Card Room floors &c. all of which appeared satisfactory. The hands getting into a good state of organization &c. Water in sufficient quantity and increasing slowly at the Reservoir. On the next day - A.G. Smith had notice of a defect in the floors of Eagleton's mill. and an application for leave to shut the Reservoir Gate. that their pond might

be drawn off to repair the damage — This was of course done and the water from Eastetons pond was cut off which required the removal of the Flash Boards as one Role only this was effected with some difficulty — the other way of discharging the Surplus water, through the Gate, being prevented by the defficient mechanical arrangements for the purpose the meadow was flooded, and the embankment of the Race way partially overflowed but the ground being frozen it was not supposed that any material damage would take place. the mill run through the day, drawing the pond however pretty low at the last. The next day the mill of course did not run, and an exam. of the Race way showed that the earth & gravel had been washed in large quantities so as to make it necessary that it should be cleaned out to enable the mill to run successfully — notice was sent to the Lessors and 5th day I went with Mr S. to the Shaker Village to repeat & enforce the representation. The Trustee was not at home but he came to the mill soon after our return — but appeared to think the repairs might be put off until Spring. but he appeared to have changed his mind after he left us — and took measures to begin to clear the obstruction in the afternoon of that (5th day) the weather having moderated from Minus 4 to plus 16 — About 10 men made considerable head way — and on 7th day about 20 were at work — who I am thought would have so far completed the job as to make it safe to defer the rest till Spring — but others thought it very necessary that the work should be continued through this day (1st Day) — after making such progress as I could with my Special duties as Insr. I left in the mid day train and called in Boston to see Henry Patterson & Co

270 in relation to our money matters which gave great anxiety on account of the notices from the Lancaster Bank that they th? confine their discounts to 4 mos paper. I had before by letter given notice of the change in the policy of the Bank — They encouraged our perseverance and promised to do what they could to help us through — The great evil of long credit is at the root of the trouble and the necessity of curtailing there I hope cannot be post poned — Without this I see no hope of getting along for concerns like ours without working Capital — I got home between 7 & 8 — and had the pleasure of meeting all pretty well except Mrs Chase & Susan who have colds — in part attributable as they suppose to exposure on the occasion of Cousin Caroline Ritchi's death & burial. the house being very cold. My wife was not at the latter. I called today at our Sons' Thomas' & Frank's — Annie has been quite ill since I left home but was in the parlor again to day. I made an effort to see Sister Elvira but did not gain admittance C. H. Morgan was here after me — and Wm Rodman was at tea and passed the eve with us — I was at meeting as usual — and walked to the wharf and up Hawthorn Street to the late Bo?. of J & W Pope by Chas & Edwd Geo Hussey was here after the Morn? meeting. Charles reports Friday's letter as improving. She has had a trying time since her confinement

2. day 22. to 1. day 28th Chiefly engaged this week about the Phoenix & Mfg Co's accounts & business at the Cg House. On Christmas day Sister Elvira dined with us — Ellen has been unwell through the week with a stricture at the chest pain &

sickness of the family with local swellings & redness — to that
Dr Bartlett was called to her on 5th day — We had some appre-
hension of Scarletina but the Dr does not confirm our fears
She is up part of the day in her room — and seems no
worse the few last days — and with careful attention hopes
she may soon be well again — Colds have also attacked
her mother & Sister of earlier date also her aunt Rho is
seldom exempt from them — but these seem passing off
There has been an extraordinary mortality in our neigh-
borhood a child of Leander Plummer died on 3d day wk
a child of Elisha Thornton on 5th day wk — and a daugh-
ter of Lydia Howland 27yrs. yesterday — the first of
Scarletina, 2d of Chronic Croup & the last of Hemorrage
of the lungs — L Plummer has been & still is ill with
Typhoid fever — I was at Sister Elias's at Frankfort to
day and Walter Mitchell was there this wk — he has
come to deliver a lecture before the Lyceum tomorrow he
brought remembrances to all of us from his sweet little wife
I was at Meeting as usual at Spring Street and heard
two exhortations from Samuel Taylor of Fairfield
Maine & a prayer from Rhoda Howland.
2d day 29th 1st day 1mo 4 1857 On 2d day forenoon attended
the funeral Solemnities on the death of Elizabeth How-
land which was numerously attended by Friends Samuel
Taylor was there with the preachers of this Monthly Mtg
all of whom had something appropriate to offer in
in testimony, exhortation or prayer. the occasion

was an interesting and I hope it may prove a profitable one. These solemn admonitions of the certainty of death and of the uncertainty of life one would think would be more heeded than they are. But except to the immediate relatives whose heart are lacerated by the disruption of the tenderest natural ties. A momentary pause in the daily pursuits of the graver or lighter objects which monopolize the head and the heart, is all that marks such events in the communities and city neighborhood more or less remote — This is not as it should be, and is almost a mental anomaly when considered from a point where the grand relations connected with our existence here and the duties which they involve. — In the eve I went to the Lyceum to hear the lecture of Water Mitchell on City & country life. Which was an interesting and elaborate & perhaps rather ambitious production. His conclusions in favor of the Country may have been stated too strongly for the fact. Some failures came to the public this week. which have affected our Edmund prospects very severely, to the extent of obliging him to suspend payment — This event and the consequent duty which falls on me as his father. of ascertaining whether by the aid

of his friends he can be assisted through his trouble has taken much of my time and thought. The result is yet uncertain though we hope he will be sustained by the aid of some of his relations backed by my Real Estate as security — This arrangement being in accordance with the wishes of his brothers and Sisters — which I considered necessary to justify the measure on my part — This the new year has come in with clouds and anxieties — may these temporal disappointments make both Children & parents look to the deeper and more Stable Sources of happiness by bring the mind & its affections into more perfect harmony with those abiding Spiritual laws which may approximate our natures to the Divine and substitute Celestial hopes & enjoyments for the unsatisfying pleasures of time & sense — to which we are so much more prone to give our hearts in seasons of material prosperity — What time I could spare from these pressing obligations has been given to my ordinary business which is always particularly pressing at this season of the year — A severe Snow Storm yesterday and last night so much encumbered the streets that the Churches were scantily attended to day. I

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was at Spring St Hs of Worship as usual and called to See Sister Elvira at A Robesons & our Son Thomas — at the Close of New Years day I made Calls at Sister Es. Aunt Nancys Mary Gifford, Geo. Hussey, Thos' & Thos I attempted one at A Robesons, but as they were at tea omitted it. I was also at James Arnolds and came home to a late Supper — The Sympathy manifested by the leading business men in Town and friendly offers volunteered by some of them especially Edw'd M Robinson & Thos Mandell are a pleasing testimony to the good principles & Character of our Son, as well as a favorable indication of the generous hearts of those from whom they come. which has a consoling influence in our trouble

2d day 1/5 to 1st day 1/11 A good deal of my time has been taken up with our Son Edmunds affairs. his Uncle Edmund arrived on 4th day morning and gave his assent to the arrangement which has been proposed for our Sons support — So that the assent of the Creditors to the proposition is now the chief point to be gained if the Merchants' bank will grant the facilities which have been suggested to the Directors and considerable encouragement has been taken

in these matters – My own affairs are pressing & attended with more difficulty on account of the devi- sion of some of my means by Edmunds embarrassment Sister Eliza was here to tea this week – and I have made short calls on her – also at C H Morgans several times on Edmunds & the Shirley business – At Mtg. to day as usual, with bro: Edmund A light snow Storm made the Congregations thin.

2d day 1m: 12 to 1th day 1/18 Devoted the week industriously to the va- rious engagements which have pressed upon me – My own finan- cial matters growing out of the lapse of time and its incidental changes have cause me some anxiety – but have been satisfac- torily disposed of as I hope for some time with the Fall River & Fairhaven Saving Banks – much time has been given to Edmunds affairs in negociations to prepare for his resuming his business – which I hope will ere long be success- fully finished – My own details of the season have been necessarily postponed to an inconven: extent considering the extra claims which the season brings on my exertions with reference to the Corporations with which I am the responsible Accountant – This has obliged me to pass each afternoon at the Court House till 4 in the eve: The extended embarrassments among the Oil men together with the doubts of some of Edmunds relations on whose credit he relied through banks with my Mortgaged property – caused a change in Elk Robin-

views in regard to Edw.d being sustained in his business
— whose kind interest to that end together with that of
his partner Thos. Mandell originated the plans for his
relief — and he expressed doubts as to the expedien-
cy of going forward therein — But as the idea had been
confidently proposed to his creditors who had generally
consented to the extension of time on their Claims &c.
the plan embraced — I gave them (E.M.R.& T.M.) my
opinion that the arrangt had been too far advanced to be
abandoned without Consent — and if it failed it must
not be by our Volition — but from causes beyond
our assent or control — Thus the endeavor is to be
persevered in and the notes & mortgage have been
drawn and all things ready for the action of the Banks
& who have the "Scenes of War" & without which nothing
can be done on the arena of Comd Competition. This
business obliged me to spend some hours at the Cy House
to day after the afternoon Meeting — both assemblages
were small owing to the severity of the weather (— 8°)
I went afterwards to C.H. Morgan's — My son Frank & all
Mrs. Hotchs through a severe Snow Storm which
began about 5 P.M. — when the intensity of the Cold
had very much abated — They have been poorly at our
Sis Thomas' this week. Annie having been quite seriously
by ill, and little Julia troubled with a cold. My wife
who has some Symptoms of Erysipelas rode to see them 6th day. They

are now better — Mrs. Edmund - and (me in the afternoon) I were the only representatives of the family at W.J. to day me omitted her instructions at the Bethel, but was at the School of the Episcopal Ch. in the afternoon —

2d. day 1/19 to 4. Day 25th This has been a week of great anxiety on account of our son Edm.d affairs — I thought last week that the plans had been all satisfactorily arranged for relief. But it appeared after the mortgage Security which was to shield the dear persons whom Credit was to be used had been some days in their hands and after explanations had been made which the two more prominent relatives had acquiesced in, that they decided that the mortgage should be re written in such form that an auction sale might at once be made of the property if Edm.d or I or his Surety failed to refund the money which was to be borrowed for him for 2 years — This appeared to to all of my particular family as a very harsh exaction indicating a great lack of Confidence in me as well as in Edm.d, this was very abruptly announced to me in a note from C H the organ — and to this requisition we had at last to submit, though had it been at first foreseen it would not have been acceded to — and after fruitless attempts by letter &c — to convince them of the harshness & unreasonableness of this decision at this late period, the point was reluctantly yielded, as taking from their agency the generous sympathy which the relationship subsisting between had led us confidently to expect. Our

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Yesterday day when our perturbation was at the highest — We were Shocked by the news from Park River of the destruction of Mr H Ruggles Mansion and the escape which turns out to have been a very narrow one of the inmates — a very confidential Member of the family and one other man were killed by the fall of a Chimney, and two others — The blocked up State of the Roads with Snow and the intense cold of the weather made it impossible to get the Engines at work promptly and efficiently — It must be a Severe Shock to my Sisters delicate frame, and I can but fear that the effect may be very serious — Mr Fairbanks interested in the wood work about the fine plan of the South room on the 2d Story — where the brick work was was too slight to prevents the ignition from the bricks heated by the continuous fires necessary to overcome the Severe weather for the Comfort of their daughter Mary who was on a visit with Letters of her children — I was at meeting as usual at Spring Street. With bro Edm accompanied him. I Called at Mrs Fredks — Annie was in her chair but looked very poorly — it was the first time Since her illness — Thomas & Frank were with us in the evg Edmds affairs being the Subject of earnest attention and Solicitude to all

2d. day 1/26 to 1st. day 2Cm° 8 — On the 26th. it being the Quarterly Meeting of the Pocasset Mang Coy at Fall River. Set off in the Cars at 7h. Ack to attend it — C.M. Morgan was in the train for the same object — On getting to Myricks, we found that the road had not been opened. and it was uncertain how long the workmen would be in getting through the Road Master with a Car & Strong gang being nearly ready to start — they having been out several days and nights digging through the heavy Snow drifts. Charles gave up the trip and returned. I went on with the workmen. and assisted as inclination prompted — about a dozen of the men were frozen in their feet and other parts and went down in the Cars — We got to Fall River at 1h. Ock — I went to the Pocasset Office — and found that only Benj.n of the Ors of Town Stockholders had been there & that the Mg was adj.d for a week no quorum being present — I stopped at the Exchange to dine, and then went to the Site of the Ruins and then to Mr. Mitalls to see my Sister &c — I had previously called at Benj.n C. Luthers. near the ruins and seen my Niece Mary Worcester who was there busy with the furniture &c which had been removed there on that awful night — I found my Sister worn & distressed / less by far for the pecuniary loss

and incarceration & Deep Lakes which the disasters entailed than the loss of life consequent thereon, and especially the death of their worthy and Confidential Man Wm Buffington — Hoping to be able to return by the Cars I shortened my visit to my sister and repaired to the R.Road Station — but found on getting there that no train would start — I was then obliged to take a Seat in Benj.ⁿ Fleigh — displacing Philip for a temporary Seat in front, to drive his tandem team we got home well, by showing and finding a Spirit of accom.ⁿ to & in the vehicles we encountered in the deep Cuts, of which there were many of considerable length — On 4th day I set off, in a Mysticks. in expectation of meeting Mary C Worcester on route for her home in Waltham with her Children to give them such attentions as wd be acceptable to them but they had passed on in the Old Colp. train before ours reached there — I got to Shirley at 1 — and applied myself assiduously to my duties as Treasurer till the succeeding 4th day at noon when I left for home — and at via Fair haven and the Bridge at 7½ — The ice not permitting the Boat to run — a little rain & a very crowded Sleigh made this part of the journey less pleasant

had the pleasure to find all well — bro: Edm^d still here — pursued my business at treas^r till 7^th day noon, when treasurership of the Potch whf Co^y claimed my time & attention to be ready for the an^l Mg. on that day., which was held at our house as usual. On 1^st day I was at Mg. at Spring S^t. house, and read in D^r Arnold excellent sermons to his Rugby Scholars — Saml Parsons of Long Island spent part of the day with us

2^d day 2/9 to 1^st day 22^d The business of the Potch whf Co^y. that of the Ph^x Mfg Co^y. in addition to my own kept me very busily occupied the first week — The notices for the an^l Mg. of P. Co^y. having been given by a misapprehension for the 9^th instead of the 2^d. as provided in the By Laws. this Mg. was post poned to meet the Convenc^e of the President to the 18^th and on the 14^th I went to Boston to meet the President and a Mr Smith who came from N York via Shirley the latter having some view of purchasing the Co^y's machinery there running after he th. have an opportunity of ascertaining what kind of a speculation he could make of it — I found him entirely ignorant of the Cotton Manf. business, and of course Sh^d not be willing to give him any agency over the business on our acct. I went and returned by the Taunton route — the an^l Mg. was further post poned to suit the President's convenc^e to the 20^th Instant — and

with Sue on 1^st day the 15^th & went in the eve^g to hear Rev. Mr Craig's address on the anniversary of the Port Society

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on that day (6th of the week) the Mg was held at my office. All the Stockholders being present or represented and occupied the whole day after the arrival of the forenoon train by which A.W. Griswold the President arrived from N. York — In the ev.g. a consultation was held with Judge John Mason Williams relative to doubling the nominal Capital to make it correspond with its supposed actual Value — But that gentleman confirmed my opinion that it could not properly be done — The Accounts of the business the last year were less discouraging than we had anticipated from the misfortunes at Shirley But the principal ow.rs not satisfied with the agent and disheartened at the disappointments were very desirous or willing to sell if a fair approximation to its Value could be had — I was at my office both first days as usual — and I called at our Son's Thomas' & Franks to day — as I have done at the former several times last week. he being confined at home by an injury of his Knee by a fall at the Gymnasium — the same with which he was so long confined before — He is under Dr Bartlett's care and by great prudence and the experience of both on the former occasion I hope he may soon be safely abroad again his wife also is quite complaining or feeble in health though her appearance is otherwise

2d. 2d Mo. 23d to 1st day 3d Mo. 1st Engaged most of the week with my business as Clerk & Treasurer of the Phoenix Cotton Manf. Co — the Records abstracts balance Sheet. & Correspondence occupied most of the Week. at the Office & — the last of the Week I was troubled with a cold which kept me at home on 7th day — I have been at meeting to day as usual at the Spring Street house. and I called at Sister Elvira's & at my Son Thomas' at the close of the several meetings — Thomas' knee is improving & I hope he may soon be able to be enlarged again — On 5th day I attended the monthly Meeting of Friends which I had not attended for many months — perhaps I Must Say Several years — The very heavy tax on my time and mind consequent on the unfortunate Steam Mill Co Concerns and its entailments having presented serious obstacles the point of time, and the tolerance in the Howland's unkind and unchristian course towards me for several years prior and during that mistaken enterprise of which it was the moving Cause — by the the ruling members of the meeting — combined to change My habit of attending the mid week meeting. which the duty of attending at 12 Oclock each day at my mothers' for several years served to continue till her death — a change which I always regretted the occasion for — being satisfied from early life of the advantage of the practice — I then Join Jn.o R. Davis and Ruth Davis. the only representatives

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at the head of the meeting of a by-gone generation — Time had left his deep traces on Countenance and figures which in early maturity I was familiar with in my boyhood — She had youthful beauty melody of Voice & Sweetness of Spirit — and her appearance and Manner & Ministrations gave unmistakeable indications of an ardent and sincere piety with unbounded humility and benevolence — each have retained I believe the same mental & moral characteristics ever since. of this the male friend gave fresh evidence in a few words of exhortation with which he favored and edified the assembly — which flowed from a heart deeply penetrated and imbued with the Spirit of his Great Master whose humble and devoted Servant he has successfully aimed to be through his long and active life. I did not stay at the Meeting for business, not feeling that it was incumbent on me to do so — and probably it was well that I did not — as I suppose that the act of recognizing the withdrawal of our dear daughters from their Communion, was probably on of the Subjects of the attention of both Sections of the meeting — They having had a visit from a committee of the women's side of the house the last week consisting of Phebe Russell and Wood. which

I believe was very Satisfactorily Conducted on both sides in the Spirit of Christian Consideration & Charity. — My wife read audibly after tea two of Dr Arnolds Sermons to his Rugby Scholars to the Family including Harriet — at the finishing of which Jn° B. Hussey called and finished the evening with us. On 5th day the whole Fam (except Edm^d who was two nights in Boston & J. and Frank & Eliz^a were at bro^r Benj^n^s to tea. On 7th day I had a call from Hiram on business and improved the occasion to give him some friendly admonition for the good of himself & family. in support of some similar remarks made to him earlier in the week. 2^d day 3m^o 2 to 5^th day 3m^o 5 Our Son Thomas Wife was very ill on 6th day night & 7th so that Mother H. Was there all 7th day I went in the eve and rode home with her — Little Julia Came that day to remain with us till her mother gets better. Thomas being confined with his knee makes the position of the family more trying — I was at mtg. as usual and called at Sister Elias Tobey on 1st day the 8th and She was here at tea on 4th day 11th I was chiefly engaged at the Co. Room the 1st week. and the 2^d I was giving my attention to the business of the Estate of my mother, on 3^d & 4th days I was at the Registry of Deeds, the weather Chilly & ground wet — in the eve I found I had a slight attack of Pleurisy, so that I remained at home the rest of the week. and buried myself in writing over my narrative of the St. Croix Island which I finished and Sent to W. H. Taylor for the abstract of the Records of the Coy

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which he has had to collate with the original and Certify notarially its being a faithful Condensation of the latter Geo Harry was here between meetings. Also his Son John — They are improving at Thomases — Little Julia is much of a pet with her Grandmother and aunts and seems to be very happy — her little Cousin Mary and her mother have been here several times — the little ones seem to love each other very much — I had thought of going to meeting to day but. concluded it was more prudent to remain at home — read some of the Sunday School papers which the children our daughters take for their S.S. Scholars — and in the Life of Wesley by Southey 2d day 3/17 to 1st day 3/22 Engaged several of the early days chiefly in Copying my notarially Certified abstract of the Record of the late N.B.S. Mill Co — prepared as an appendix to the Narrative of the Steam Mill repudiation. the whole to be used as my defence against the unjust Claim of Wm R. Rotch one of the repudiators. if I may be allowed by the Courts — if not to be published as a vindication of myself against the presumptive of a verdict against me — On 2d day we had Frank + Lizzy + little Mary. here to dine sister Ellen called during dinner time — on her way to Aunt Nancy — Bro Ben's family except Sue. in Cleveland Eliz. Weld and little Cora were with us at tea on 6th Day eve — I gave some time to my accts and the business connected with my Mothers Estate — and walked to her Grave in the afternoon. and called in returning at T. H Green's to get the news

of the Libby headed Willow evg at home — A. Meeting to day as usual. Rachel Howland Spoke at considerable length, and very acceptably in exhortation in the forenoon — Dan'l Ricketson who was there, a very rare occurrence. I called at Sister Eliza's — A. Robeson's Son Thomas Mary Gifford J. R. Shivericks & D. Spooners the two last in the evg with us where H. I saw daughter Annie sitting up but feeble, Thomas Ware slowly improving. Used the first of our new lot of Oil for family on 6th day evg viz black fish Oil from Ship Hillman

2d day 3/23 to 1st day 4th. 4 Agreeably to my arrangements I left home in the first morning for Boston & Shirley via the Stoneham R. Road & called at Wm R Robeson's Office and had a short conversation with him relative to his Sister in laws affairs and thence walked to the Fitchburg R. R. Station for the 11 OClk train — and reached Shirley about 1 PM — Continued my duties there till 2d day the 30th as treasurer & Clerk & Stockholder — The adjournment of the Annual Meeting was held on the 24th at which A. W. Griswold President and Thos. C Allen were also present. had a Conference in the afternoon with Jonas Cutting Trustee & Thomas Holden on the part of the Lessors of the Mill, at which the Claim of the Corporation for their delay in repairing the breach in the Dams and in freeing the Race, which was very much filled in with the embankments which were demolished by the flood,

was compromised by an abatement of part of the Claim presented after the former meeting. — Another Conference was held at the Office of the Mutual Society in the evening which was protracted to a late hour, in regard to raising the Water in the Great Reservoir from 3 to 4 feet — and to their being released from the Guaranty of Sufficient Water Power as for the Coy's Machinery as Specified in the Lease — nothing was Concluded on and a further Conference was arranged for the next morning when the other parties interested in the Reservoir were Called in — But at this meeting also nothing was accomplished, and as soon when it was necessary for the President to leave the Mg. of the Corporation was further adjourned to the 1st Tuesday in May, at the same place. — I continued my work as Treasurer till 7th Day Mg. when another Visit was made to the Members who remained at the Mill — to arrange for the release of the said Guaranty, with a view Chiefly, to the new trial which has been granted them on their Suit with Eli Page for raising the Water in the Merrimack River by his dam above his legal rights — and by noon a Memorandum had been drawn up which was mutually approved and Signed by S. Foster, and informally by A.G. Snell & me — to be Submitted to the others of our Company — This interruption of my duties as Treasurer prevented my fulfilling my intention of returning home that afternoon — and I was obliged to remain there till 2d day the 30th. when I returned in the afternoon train, arriving by the

Fair haven R. Road as usual — and had the pleasure of finding all well — I heard on 1st day two Sermons two good practical Sermons from Mr Carlton at the Baptist Mg — and walked to the reservoir in the twilight of the eve — Rose early 2d day Mg and made my arrangements so that I could leave as aforesaid — Called to see Mary Patterson & Lis — & to gain some information relative to Cooking by Gas in passing through Boston. At the junction of the Cape Cod and Fall River R.R. the Car was filled with passengers — many of them friends from Nantucket to attend the approaching Quarterly Meetings —

2d day 4m. 5 to 1st day 4/26 — On 2d day I succeeded in bringing up my Acct. books to admit of a suspension of my writing for a few days while my right hand might be disabled by the Removal of a small wart like tumor on the back of my right hand which had been noticeable for the last two or three years — This slight surgical operation was done on 3d day by D. T. Bartlett — the wound did not heal as he expected by the first intention so that I have been disqualified for writing till this last date, my letters having been written by my wife and daughters and other writing omitted — A cold of some severity acting as a further disqualification for active business I remained much at home and occupied myself with reading Southey's & Walton's Life of Wesley and the 2d Vol. of D Kane's Narrative of his arctic explorations and the wonderful achievements and sufferings and endurance

and final escape of himself & party — which can only be ascribed as it appears to me to a Special Providence which idea is certainly not discountenanced by the very extraordinary Faith which sustained him in so many truly appalling Circumstances. No very noticiable incidents have transpired in the family Thomas illness has confined him mostly the time and Annies illness has continued though she was at her Sisters once within a day or two. Sister Eliza and Frank & wife with the Children Julia & Mary have been with us occasionally at meals &c — Our daughters were at the Conversation lectures of Mr. Alcott. 5 ev'gs. at J. Arnold's & Cliftons — and the Gymnastic exhibition and the Fair for the benefit of the City Mission also claimed their attention. I was at Meeting on the 11th and abroad at different times on business errands &c — Yesterday rode with Chr. Benj & Boy Son Thomas to view the lands in the out skirts and at Four Corners left by Boy Mother plans of which had been made under my direction by Calvin Staples. to day I was at Mg. walked to the Cemetery, & called at Sisters Sarahs & Elizas and at our Son Franks by the way Arnold & Ash Streets — extend I my walk to the lot bot by Thos. of J. H. H. Page — with a view of building thereon — the music of the Frogs which abound in that region may be pleasant in a stroll but. But I'd prefer a residence

further removed from their favorite localities both for health and Scenery — Saw Sister Phebe at Franks where she has been on a visit about 3 weeks Somewhat lengthened by the unpleasant weather and a severe cold with which she has been troubled She is now better —

2 day 4/27 to 1. st 5/3 Engaged with my usual Cares and business through the week partly with reference to the adjourn.t of the an.l Mts of the Phila.a C. Mo. Coy as Shirley next week rendered more urgent by the failure of E & J. Holmes who are large debtors of the Coy. announced by letter and in person by A.G. Smith on 6.th day of last — We had a visit from Deborah Weston last week & Sister Phebe returned from her visit at Franks — Called at Sister Elizn Thomas & Franks today but did not see the family as Thomas' as they were out on a ride for his wifes benefit for which the genial Air was favorable — I was at the meetings at Spring St. House and also at 5.th St. in the afternoon which seemed rather smaller than when I occasionally attended it last Summer — all of the head of the Meeting at the time of the Separation being deceased

2.d day 5/4 to 1. st 5/10 I went to Shirley on 2.d day via the B. & Fitchburg R Road where I arrived about 1 P.M. no other member from a distance was there though A.W. Griswold Proxy sent to the Clerk D.R. Perry enabled us to hold a legal meeting which

agreeably to the request of the President was further adjourned to the 14th Inst - on that day we had a visit from A. G. Fuller. who gave us some figures (or rather showed them to me. which if correct showed the Skirt business to have been a very good one - After making the most important examinations of the books & accounts at the mill I left on 6th day morng with A.G. Fuller for Boston and spent most of the time there in relation to the affairs of the insolvent firm with whom the Pkr. Co. have so much at issue - We could learn nothing definite. though the presumption was that the business of the Holmes in Fremont Row had been the Cause of the trouble - Their creditors were to meet yesterday when the question of a compromise or closing their business by Insolvency proceedings wd probably be decided - after which the Copartnership business with A.G. Fuller would come more fully under review We went with Fuller to confer with his legal advisers Hutchins & Wheeler - who laid down the principles of the law distinctly - that the two Concerns must be seperated - and the assets of each be applied to the debts respectively - but the fact that a large am[t] of the Skirt goods had been pledged for money borrowed by the Holmes. throws great doubt of the solvency of that branch of the Concern - as there seemed nothing to be gained by my remaining in Boston or return to Shirley I left in the 5½ train for home via Fairhaven arriving about 8 PM finding all well.

busy at home most of 7th day part in mechanical operations which perhaps by extra exposure seem to have induced a slight attack of pleurisy. Called on Sister Elvira & at the Store the latter part of the afternoon and eve. She was prevented by an ulcerated sore throat going C.N. Morgan and party to Phila on 6th day last — Frank & Elizr were with us at tea — I was at Mtg to day at the Spring St. House and called at sister Elvira's & on son Thomas' Sam annie in her room, as She is not able to move much about 2d. day 11th to 1st day 17 Engaged at my accounts at home & till 6th day when I went to Boston to see after our insolvent debtors: on which business I spent that and 7th day both days at the Pearl St House: and returned as I went by the Fairhaven R. Road. Getting home about 8 Oclk and being favored to find all pretty well except our son Frank's wife who has been quite ill & under Dr Abbe's care all the week — I attended Meetings as usual to day — the weather rainy and the assemblage small A.H. Griswold Pres. of the Ph. & C.M. Co & A.G. Snell agt. met me in Boston by previous arrangement. The prospect of getting our whole debt even with an extension of time is very doubtful

2d day 5/18 to 1st day 5/24 I made preparation on 2d day for leaving the next day for Boston to attend to the Shirley business — a part of which was occupied in superviseing the setting up of the Gas Cooking fixtures for the hot months. On 3d day went to Boston where I met

My Sail from Shirley – during that and the next day our time was chiefly occupied in Conferences with Fuller & Holmes at their atty's Hutchins & Wheelers office & with Judge Hoar our legal adviser, A. Patterson &c &c – Some progress supposed to be made by the agent. of the failed firms to to separate the Skirt manf. in which both were concerned from the Fancy Store in Boston owned wholly by E & J. Holmes another visit next week will probably show the disposition of their Creditors as to their final Course whether to go into the Insolvency Court or not. I stopped at the Pearl St. House and returned in the P. Rail train Wed. Day eve. the weather both day rainy & cold. Called to see Aunt Sybil a Ritch at 101 Louisb. Sq. where were also her bro. Jas. & his wife – both looking very well and stout, but Jas is or considers himself quite an invalid – found the family at home much as when I left. Franks' wife better – I spent the rem. of the week at the Office of my mothers Estate – After breakfast this morg I walked to bro. Benj's place to see him in relation to his acct with the Estate – He was in Boston. and Wm Only of the family at home – I was late in returning to my own hg. and stopped at the Pleasant St Methodist Ch. – In the afternoon I went with my wife to her hg to hear the Rev. Mr Newell of Taunton. who came home with us to tea. he is an Englishman by birth past middle age

was pastor of a church in Phil.a for 20 years. after
wards at N. Orleans & recently assumed the rectorship of
the Society at Taunton which was his first pastoral when
a young man — He has a high reputation among the
Episcopal Ministers. He left us immediately after tea
— and I called at our Son Thomas's & Franklin's — too
late at the latter to see Eliz.h who is much better
and rode for the 2d time I believe — for which the
fine weather was delightful

2.d day 5/25 to 1.st 2 day 31 At home the 2 first days busy with the affairs
of my Mothers Estate on 3.d day at a party at Mary Gifford made
I believe for the men.n Aliens & their wives, our children also these ex-
cept Thos & Fos. whose wives are not well though Eliz.h only much
amiss — the next day went to Boston & spent 2 days in the Fuller
& Holmes business returning via Fairhaven. devoted the rem.r of the
week to my business & cases at home — At meg to day as usual
— that in the afternoon very small in consequence of the change
of the hour of meeting — Called with Mrs Chase & Mrs after tea at
our Son Franklins and at Geo Hussey's

2.d day 6m.o 1 to 1.st day 6m.o 7 At home the 2, 1.st days — on 6.th day went
again to Boston about the insolvency business — and the next day
went from B. to Worcester on the same account — and returned in the
night train getting into Boston about 2 A.M. had a little leisure
to walk around the City, the Country beautiful in the rich leaving
of Spring. the place much improved & extended since I was there
about 15 years since — I spent an hour in the m.g very agreeably

at our friend Jn.o V. Beane several years at the head of Friends Academy. He has 5 Children the eldest Carry now on a visit from her home in Chicago with her infant Son - very pleasing in appearance & manners - Mr.s B. but little changed except being a little Stouter - both excellent people - they have a flourishing School (board.g) of 40 Girls - and seem prosperous & happy; befitting Such worthy Characters - they have 3 Vacations - and there are few establishments I think, if the daughters must forego the sympathies of their heaven appointed guardians and protectors, to which they can be so safely & profitably entrusted. Returned home on 6.th Day via Taunton in the mid-day train and was blessed in finding the family & our friend in usual health - Ch.s & Sarah Morgan arr.d that morng from Phil.a 7.th day walked before breakfast to bro.s Benj.n on business of my mother's estate and after breakfast repeated the visit with C.H. Morgan in a Carriage to decide on improvements at the purchase & Cy St. land - rem.s of the day at the Cy House - Rob.t & Anna were here in the eve.g - the first time the latter has been here since her illness - At meet.g to day as usual - Congregation small in the afternoon on acc.t of Rain - ~~Called with Sarah Ann Hall in the eve.g at Francis's and at Geo Hussey's~~ In the eve.g went with daughter Sue to hear Rev. Mr. Van Meter the "Five Points" missionary which was an exciting discourse on the miseries of that notorious locality - in which was strikingly illustrated the blessed results of the benevolent efforts put forth for their amelioration

2d day 8th. to 1st. day 6m°. 14th — I left home for Boston in the 10.10 Aftn train and took lodgings at the U.S. Hotel to leave in the next morg. train for Worcester. devoted the rem.r of the day to business relating to the Insolvency Case to be acted on before the judge in W. — left 8 Oclk on the 9th. Horace Gray Jr going with me as Counsel for the Ph.x C. M. Co.y on whose account I also act — Stopped at the Bay State House — and spent the day in attending to the business before the Court and otherwise — The Court adj.d about 6 Pclk to 3½ the next day the Creditors not having been able to unite on an Assignee — H.G. Snell my Colleague for the Co.y remain.d over — to learn the decision of the judge — I took a walk after tea to the junction of the Prov. Norwich & Western R. Roads — and on return.g called at Mr Beam's a few minutes and at 11½ day 1 Aftn. took a Seat in the train for Boston where I arr.d about 3 and returned for the rem.r of the night at the Bank St. House. left for home in the morg. train 7¼ Aftn of the 10th and arr.d at home about 10 Aftn — rem.r of the week devoted to my various Cases and duties — at the close of which I made arrangements for lopping the top branches of the thorny Acacia tree at the east of the house which intercepted the view from the observatory which I use much as an office for my writ.g & Executors' Accounts &c in the warm Season of the year for which it has many advantages — At 1 o'clk to day as usual

at Spring St House: assemblage small many being absent at the Yearly Meeting which begins to day at Newport — Susan Smith of Burlington was present in the forenoon — I walked to H. Sherman to take the Providence papers weekly provided for his family. and Called after mgs at A. Robeson's & C. M. Morgan's — and in the ev. at our Son Frank's whose wife still very feeble. read with much Satisfaction in A. P. Peabody's Sermons on Christian Consolation. at Thomas' with Mr Chen H before dinner 2d day 6/15 to 1st day 2/20 Thomas and Annie were here 2d day before leaving to Spend Some weeks at Dartmouth. Thomas returned the Same ev'g. and makes his home with us I have been busy chiefly with the Concerns of my mothers Estate. Mr Chen H & our daughters on their return from Lectures which are given at T. D. Eliot's house were accompanied by Edward Allen the teacher of the Girls School of the Academy. whom I have long intended to make the first Call upon. — Sue & Ellen attend the lectures regularly their mother has been but once — but was much interested in his delineation of the Character of the eminent Italian Christian Salvarola. with whose Spirit that of the lecturer seemed in Sympathetic union. which was as pleasing as in their experience was among the Young men of our Country.

My reading to day has been the Sermons of A. P. Peabody — the S. S. Journal & the N. Y. Independent — At Spring St. mg to day was present and preached. Wm Chace of Scipio — both AM & PM — at the close of the 2d meeting I walked to the Cemetery and was sorry to see that the Stone at my mothers Grave long since ordered had not been placed to mark the Spot where rest the mortal remains of one whose memory is so dear 2d day 6/21 to 1st day 6/28 Gave my working hours chiefly to the business of my mothers Estate at my observatory Office &c On 5th day attended the monthly meeting of Friends, which was attended two English female ministers Priscilla Gurn & Mary Nichols — both of whom made very acceptable communications — carrying about with them the unequivocal evidence of their Commission as the deputed followers of the blessed Savior — On 6th day eve I called at Matthew Howland whose house was their Stopping Place to enquire after them and to see them if in the City — I found they were then in Newport but expected to be here again on first day — and to day I have attended the meetings which were favored with edifying exhortations from P. G. who is the principal in the Gospel mission on which they have come to this Country. Their Concern embracing the whole body of Friends here who are in Sympathy with the Society in England — In the eve by invitation of Re-

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Chd Howland my wife and self called on them at their house — where were also assembled quite a large number of friends — to share the Company of these Christian disciples — after a time of social intercourse with the prominent individuals, the English friend — a Season of Religious retirement ensued — when a fervent petition to the Throne of Grace was offered by Priscilla in behalf of the Company assembled — which was followed by acceptable exhortations from Mary Nichols and Susan Smith — Soon after which the assemblage departed to their respective homes — we returned with our Cousins Sarah & Elizabeth Arnold — passing through their beautiful Garden — lovely as the Country at large now is with the bright foliage and the flowers of Spring — This Gathering was like those with which I was familiar in the days of my Youth at my Grandfathers & my fathers families — The salutary effects of which, I think I may gratefully acknowledge — and can but regret that similar occasions of instruction & improvement have not been also the allotment of my Children. I walked to the Cemetery before the afternoon meeting. and made calls at C.W. Morgan's and Mrs J. Rotch's — Sister S. & I made the requisite preparation for

Sister Eliza's return to her house on her arrival from her visit in the neighborhood of Philadelphia which was expected to be on 6th day last - but we since learn that she will not return till 6th day of the present week -

2d day 6/29 to 1st mo 5. Devoted my time chiefly to the affairs of the Estate - On 2d day eve. We had a Social Party for Maria Mark & the Messrs. Allen & their wives and our family circle, which passed agreeably - On 5th day we were at a Similar Party at Sister Sarahs - Our Sister Eliza returned on 6th day morg. with Ann Mather & her two daughters under the protection of Richard Mott - 7th day was the National anniversary attended with its noise & Gunpowder annoyances, Military Parades &c &c - As usual I kept as much aloof from these patriotic demonstrations as possible - A Call from Thomas in the afternoon, bro. to my mind & sight the baloon ascension which was a very interesting & successful part of the programme - I also saw the Boat Race from the Observatory, which is now my office for the duties of my Executorship, which as on former occasions I find a very convenient place for study & meditation and for writing - Attended Meeting as usual on this (1st day) at Sch. St. house read A P Peabody's Sermons, S S Journal & Called on Sister Eliza & Aunt Frances

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2d day 7mo 6 to 1st day 7mo 19 – the 1st week was chiefly devoted to the business of the Estate – doing the writing relating thereto chiefly in the Observatory – The plans of the Real Estate prepared for the Commissioners appointed to decide the Real Estate and to inform the distant heirs of the details and illustrate the Inventories copies of which have been furnished them our Children Frank & his wife left off on 6th day the 10th for the Flume House at the White Mountains. made expedient by the feeble State of her health – and the hope that the change of air & Scene may expedite her convalescence I left home on the 11th for Boston on business connected with the insolvency of large creditors of the Phoenix Cotton Manf Co. to which business I devoted that day till it was time to leave for Shirley whether it was necessary for me to go to attend to my duties as Treas. of P Company – on the following 1st day I went to the middle room to meeting. Spent the intermission at Mr Dodge's the family having recently returned from their visit of a year in Ohio – had a warm though not unpleasant walk each way Mercury at 90 to 95 – Called to see Sarah Fales on my return at her Uncle Dr Packers – read in the bible & the S.W. adr of the last half week – Devoted the following week days till 7th day last to my duties at the C.H. Office, – except that I spent a few leisure hours occasioned by the completeness of the clerks duties to visit the Reservoir Dam – and to see the working of the horse Mowing Machine at the Shaker [illegible]ment

Manny's patent — which did the work well —
On 7th day Wy I left Shirley and passed the day in
Boston on the business of the failed Estates — the debtors
having shown in the whole course of their proceedings
that their great aim was to recover the legal possession
of their property — without any regard to the dues to
the Creditors — whose property they had obtained
under false pretences — and which they have been
working to retain — and let the dividend to their
Creditors be as small as by their dishonest management
they could possibly make it — I left
in the 5th P Clk train and got home in about
two hours — having the happiness of finding the
family and our friends in usual health. On the
route home the Car received a party of our Bedford friends
who had been on an excursion to Plymouth — and the seats
were all filled & many obliged to be content with a standing
posture — I was at meeting as usual to day — and called at
Sister Elkins at the Close of the forenoon mg
2d day 7/10 to 1st Day 7/26 On 3d day we had a visit in the
eve'g with some addition from Eliz Angier & her D. Josephine
Wm Emily Rotch & our two Sisters with Mrs. Waters — and
on 5th Day eg we were at J. Arnolds — where were
their guests Mrs Savage & D. Tuttle of Littleton N. Hamp-
shire with A Robeson & wife — The rest of the week
I was occupied with my business duties, including one

day Spent in getting the Bath Houses from Joseph Davis Shore to that of Capt Wm Howland below his ice houses — It was a good job, for which in the forenoon the weather was unfavorable, and the force inadequate. Alexander Gibbs who has been ill about 2 weeks, after being thought Convalescent has been for Several days getting worse so that his family & friends now fel the greatest anxiety on his account — I was at meeting as usual to day and Called to see Sister Eliza, and Aunt Nancy & Mary Ann Macy here H. Sister & the Daughters made a visit to Annie at Rockland on 7th day afternoon —

2d day 7th mo 27 to 1st day 8th mo 2d. On 2d day 8/3 Sister Eliza dined and Spent the day with us — on 3d day I called at A Roberts and took Ann Mathers daughters with our Sue in Gibbs Carryall to the Bathing Shore — the previous week was chiefly marked by the preliminary preparation and Setting off of Chas M Morgans & Thos. Hussey's Party including Sister Phoebe for the White mountains the Chief Object of the latter was to be with our daughter in Law who was at the Flume House on the 25th ult. when it was Struck with Lightning Stunning about a dozen and killing two of the inmates — She acted on that trying occasion with great Coolness promptitude and energy, forgetting in the excitement of the time her own invalid Condition, and as far as at first appeared without injury — but the fact

proved to be otherwise — so that the arrival of her father Aunt & friends a week after she was suffering under the effects of it so as to be confined to her room & bed at the last advices she was nearly at her former Standard — On 2d day ev.g the 27th Ult.o my wife & self spent the ev.g at Thos. Macdells and met Br.r Mi brother Rev. S. Osgood an eminent Unitarian minister from Newyork whose acquaintance I was glad to make, having known of him as a religious writer of high character for his intellectual ability and earnest evangelical faith — Rachel & Matthew Howland were there also and a few others. Attended the Fall River Qu.y Mg of the Porcupine Mg Co.y and dined at Sister Lydia's where also were Sisters Sarah & Susan who went with their husbands to blend a social with the business occasion — Sister L was under some anxiety from recent intelligence from her daughter at Waltham - but as.d that day we.e tended to allay it I had a visit that week from Edwin Holmes our insolvent Debtor who with his partners I think has acted a very unjustifiable part towards the Pl.x C. Mg. Co.y particularly and toward their Creditors generally — A. L. Fuller was here on 4th Day of this week — I did not think that the object w.ch

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they had in view was entitled to any consideration on my Part, or from those with whom I had acted in the Purchase of the Clinton Property — which though made with the knowledge & Consent of J. Fuller, they had sought by legal technicalities to defeat or annul. Since they were disappointed in not getting it themselves, at 1/5 less than we paid. The iniquity of their Course was clearly manifest from the proposition now hinted that the legal impediments might be removed if we would let Fuller have 1/3 Interest in the Purchase — I gave no countenance to the Suggestion, of Course, as I would have no business association with any men who had so shown themselves, even if I could do so without being at all implicated in the fraud which they had been desirous to Perpetrate on their deceived and abused Creditors. — and with which they would now with a remarkable self deception or effrontery propose to Cole me & others to their aid in order to Carry out. I was at the Presidential meeting the 6th Inst. — on which day we had Ann Mathes and her Children & Geo & Betsy Avery to tea — Sue & the Young folks took a bath & Swimming lesson

at the Shore on the 1st of the same day. I was at
Mtg. at the Shg St. House to day and also at the 5th St.
House prior to the P.M. Mtg. at Spring St.: Called at
G. Hussey's in the E.J. to 10 he having arr. from the White Moun-
tains - where C.H. Morgan & fam'y & guests, viz his son
Rodman & wife her Sister & Cousin, were expected to reach
Boston this Eve and get home to-morrow morng. -
3d. day 8/11th to 1st day 8/24th Occupied with my usual
business and Cares - Ch. & Sarah Morgan arrived
to day and bring favorable reports from Sister P & our daugh-
ter in law - The work at the Austin lots to prepare
them for market was begun this week under the
Superintendance of Calvin Staples - I was at Mtg
as usual on 1st day Rhoda Howland still nursing
as she was last 1st day from her accustomed seat
in consequence of a Severe illness which has been
attended with much anxiety for the issue - But
She has had an impression through it all that
She Shd recover though the fears of her friends have
been much excited - She has been improving slowly
the past week - Our daughters' friend Nancy Craig
Sister to Josephine Morgan has been our guest Since 2d day
last when my wife had a Small family party. The
next Eve. we all went to tea at Wm. J. Rotch's where
was a Similar Collection - A Shore week Party &
visit to Sister Susan diversified the rem'r of the

week — the weather for the former being every thing that could be wished — except that it was not pro-
duced by a South Gale to make a Magnificent
Surf. — I was at meeting as usual — which like
those of the preceding 1st day were attended (in the forenoon)
by several of our friends and relatives who have
long left the Congregation of their fathers for that of
the Unitarian Communion — induced by the
Suspension of the usual Services, to allow of some
alterations & repairs in the Edifice, and to their
Minister Mr. Weiss a relaxation for a few
weeks from his Sacred duties, to restore
his physical energies by Change of Scene &
Air. — He was at the Flume House, as I have
perhaps before stated at the time of the late awful
Thunder Storm — by which his person was
severely affected — I called to see my Sister Eliz.
at the Close of each Meeting. — She leads a most
solitary life than would be the wish of all her friends
and relatives. — our nephew S. R. Morgan called
in the Carriage — but his wife and her Cousin was pre-
vented doing so by a slight thunder gust which came on
Suddenly. I walked to the S. part of the Town
in reference to an effort, now being put forth to erect
a Free Church in the S.E. District of the Compact
Element for the benefit of the large Population of the region
& secure who greatly need the light of Spiritual Truth & Life

little corroded and nothing was now done but to connect the pump pipe with the sec. or Cautionary bured part of the rod viz that attached perhaps in 1838 and covered with tarred Canvass, — with a Square rod about 3/8 inch — except that on his suggestion this rod was partially covered with a line of old Cast Iron pieces of a condemned Range Grate which might serve as a connecting medium on the failure from corrosion of the iron doing its Office — the use of Charcoal in recovering the rod was omitted he deeming it unnecessary —

S. Rodman
8/2/1859

Mr Jones New Bedford Sept 27 1859

The original rod I believe was not otherwise protected than by embedding it in Charcoal, the Contionary piece added Some ten years later say about 1838 was Covered with tarred Canvass — Neither appears much corroded — If I am not here when you Call please State what further if any precautionary means Should be used before filling up the excavation, by adding the Same to this note

Yours respectfully S Rodman

John G. Jones Electrician examined the original arrangement & pronounced it, as well as its present condition good. The rod was originally embedded in Charcoal and the piece added perhaps ten years afterward when the part in the earth was examined was covered with tarred canvas beside being Surrounded with Charcoal both of the buried pieces were but (1828)

Friday 8/25 to T. 11th 8/29th Our young friend Nancy Craig with her Cousin Fanny Hollingsworth left for Phila on Friday P.M. under the care of Clark Thaxton — he being here to take home his Children My time has been spent in my usual home duties, business Calls &c — On 6th day I was at the monthly Mtg. of friends and in the Eve went with Ma cheri H to a Party at J. G. Morgans where were many (to me) new faces — I had my Lightning Rods examined by John G Jones the Professor in that line and had a rod placed to connect them with the bath water pipe — by the side or over this was laid by his recommendation a line of broken pot metal (an old range grate knocked to pieces) — The original rod and the late Cautionary addition in the ground were but little corroded — Mr Jones examined the whole arrangement and did pronounce it in "good Electrical Condition" — Called to day at Sister Elvas — and after tea with Ma cheri H at Wm J Rotch's to see and take leave of Joanna Rotch whose visit ends tomorrow — Ma cheri H went with me to meeting in the afternoon — and at its close called at Aunt Nancy Rotch's. whose feeble health rarely permits her to go out — Our neighbor Alex Ellis continues without much change. — Rhoda Howland viewing

2d day 8/30 to 1st Day 9/5 1857 — On 3d day eve I was at Geo Hussey's at a Special Meeting of the Ph.r & Mang. Co.y to fill the Office of President — A Mr. Goodrich Chosen at the adj.t of the Au.l Mg. having declined — We were at a Social party at S Griffiths Mong's and also at one at A. Robesons this Week — My time having been given to the Several duties of my position — as Executor &c — and to an Office of the Shirley Company as well as to my private business — made Several visits of inspection to Mothers Grass lots where the work of Cutting Streets and filling in to make the tract eligible for building lots is going on under the general Supervision of Calvin Staples — I was at the Seamens Bethel this afternoon as well as at my own Meeting on Spring St. — Called to See Sister Eliza and aunt Nancy and S W Rodmans daughter Mary Gifford — Amy nephew, Anna Rodman with Mary's daughter Sue were with us at tea on 6th day and on 7th day Sister Phebe and our daughter Eliz.a returned from their White Mountain Excursion or rather the latter — Sis P having come home with Jos Ricketson Eliz.a health is somewhat improved — little Mary very well

2d day 9/6 to 1st day 9/13 1857 Engaged in my usual business cares at the Cg House and home where I do most of my writing relating to my mothers Estate — Edmund remaind absent through the week on his visits to the points of his principal Customers in the Oil business — the Special Stringency of the money Market caused by Stock Gambling and over trading makes the times very critical for men like him without Capital Frank & Lizzie have had numerous calls from their friends Lucy has improved in health but still appears quite pale They expect to go to their house tomorrow. with fair Strength is adequate to the Cares of a family little Mary very good and pleasant. Sister Phebe has had one of her troublesome Colds ever since her return home — She participated with Lucy & Frank in a family party at W. J. Potchs 4th day + the young folks except Ellen whose cold has kept her within doors Chiefly for the last two weeks were at a party at Geo Hussey's a day or two before Mrs. R Fisher arrived here 6th day Mg. from Phila. to get some money from his grandmothers Estate — as I have not been able to control enough for present and early use, to defray taxes & expenses on the Austin Lots I could not comply with his wishes. but took the only means which offered any encouragt. of Success in a Suit at M. H Ruggles Esq. at Short time — I was at

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meet'g to day as usual — My nephew Thos. accompanying me in the carriage — he was with us again in the ev'g. I called at Sister Elsia's at the close of the 2d.

2d day 14th to 1st day 20th chiefly occupied through the week at the C.F. Room. gave some attention to the work at the Austin Lots which gets on but moderately. Our Son Thomas' wife came from Rockland early in the week & dined with us — and on 5th day she left the place and returned to Rod. house on 3d St. Wm Smith's & Eben Perry's families have also returned from that shore retreat. which has been less pleasant than usual this year from the uncommon prevalence of Sea fogs. On 7th day ev'g. the Rev. Mr. Patterson from Skaneateles arrived as our guest over this day to supply the Pulpit at Grace Church Mr. Snow who is visiting his friends at Auburn preaching for him to the Church at Skane. We find him a very agreeable guest and very acceptable in the pulpit — I went to hear him in the ev'g. — attend'g Spring St. mtg. at the accustomed hours — Called to see Sister Elsia also to see C. H. Morgan who has been quite ill most of the week — he is now in measure relieved but his strength is much reduced — and he has no appetite yet to restore it.

2. day 9/21 to 1. Day 9/26 My attention has been chiefly given to my Office duties, with some Supervision of the work at the Austin Lots. The financial embarrassments of the Crisis has given much anxiety with reference to the Phx Co's affairs. A. G. Snell Esq. was here two days on this account. And what will be the issue cannot be foreseen. It is an additional source of uneasiness to me that any trouble from this quarter will add to the financial burthens now onerous of Geo. Hassey our main Stay, whose own engagements like all others in large business are taxed to the limit of his means. The Suspension of Specie Payments by the Phil.a & Baltimore Banks & others farther South & West warrant gloomy forebodings. I was at My as usual this forenoon and in the afternoon accepted an invitation from G. Hassey to go to the funeral solemnities on the burial of Fred.k Delano at Fairhaven Son of Warren. They were held at the Church and the Services were very impressively conducted by the Rev. Mr. Donally we went to the River Side Cemetery with the procession which was very large. & got home in the dusk of the Eve.g. Saw bro.r Charles to day he was sitting up. but quite feeble & in pain at intervals

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I was last eve (7th day) at the lecture of Wm Morton one of Dr Kane's Exploring Party on his last voyage to the Arctic Regions in search of Sir Jn. Franklin & his Companions — It was an interesting Sketch of the wonderful enterprise which was crowned with the success of discovering the open Sea at the Pole — Morton being the only one except Hans Christian the Esquimaux of the Several Sledge parties who were not disappointed in their efforts to discover this hitherto hidden Sea — I called this eve at his lodgings in hope to have some conversation with him but I did not find him in — Called at Sister Elizabeth's

2d day 9m 27 to 1st day 10/4 Engaged in my various duties at home, the Cg. House &c &c — Was at mg on 5th day which was very small on acct of the Quarterly mg. at Sandwich which draws off many members the facilities of traveling being such that persons can leave here in the morning, attend the mtg and return at night — The financial crisis presses heavily — on this Community as well as generally throughout the Country. the effects of Extravagance in living false views of Political economy — and an absurd extension of the credit System — hundreds fail because property will not pay notes —

At meeting as usual to day — It is a blessed relief in times like these to have a respite of one day from the anxieties of the financial embarrassment which — which are harassing through the week — I called to see C. M. Morgan who recovers very slowly — I was also at Sister Ella's and made a call at Aunt Mary's and on Edw'd C. Jones, who has been disabled from walking since the middle of last winter by a fall down the Cellar way of the late Savings Bank which was followed by a chronic dis-ease of the knee — in which appear very serious — He has spent several weeks at Sharon Springs this season which has improved his general health — but he can walk but little without his Crutches — — The Rev. Mr. Patterson was our guest again officiating at Grace Church — he is a very agreable [illegible]

2d day 10/5 to 1st day 10/11 — Mr. Patterson left us on 2d day afternoon — The financial anxieties and troubles falling upon me particularly as a member & Officer of the Ph'x. C. M. Ins. Co'y have taken up much of my time & thought involving large pecuniary sacrifices as well as very unpleasant solicitations for aid to different parties who it was thought might have the ability to render it — And I am

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Sorry that my good friend and brother in law George Harvey has to share these anxieties in addition to his own which are necessarily very heavy at this terrible financial revulsion — I have been obliged to give part of to day to these unpleasant subjects — I was at Mtg to day at Spring St. House as usual — and in the forenoon our friend Rachel Howland gave a very fitting Sermon on the Secular troubles &c. &c. now press so heavily inculcating a Christian appreciation of them and the duty of making them the occasion of a more searching enquiry into the motives and aims by which we are actuated — and a correction of the too prevalent sin of putting Secular things & the transitory objects which primarily relate to this State of being in our practical estimation above those of a Spiritual nature which are of unchanging and unending importance — I made a call at Sister Elkins and with my wife at our son Franks. and made an errand to J. W. Clifford to see when he could give advice touching my duties as executor of my mothers Estate — I was at C. W. Morgans also between meetings — he is rather better & slowly recovering. so far as to have rode out once or twice. I was also a few minutes at W. Roberts & at Ellw. Roberts

2d day 10/12 to 1st Day 10 mo. 18th Engaged with my own & my Son Edmunds business and that of the Shirley Cotton Manf. Coy all of which at this anomalous crisis involves the greatest anxiety for the future. to which being free we are exempted. Edmund has had several meetings with his Creditors and the future course is not yet decided on though his inability to meet his engagements is certain. A Committee was here the 13th — to obtain some relief to Shares of the failure of the Phil. Coy. which object I understand we succeeded in doing — may a Providence Spare us so sad a Calamity

2d day 10/19 to 1st Day 10/25 — Continued my anxious attention to the subjects of painful anticipation referred to in last weeks Record — went to Boston & Shirley & Lancaster — but found no Society of relief — So wide & so deep is the financial distress of the Country & Manufacturing Community — I was at Meeting to day and last first day at the Spring St House as usual the Common distress was Specially referred to in the Devotional exercises particularly on the 18th — Called on each week to See Sister Elizabeth & Ellen Morgan — the former almost daily She has now Mary Brown to live with her — Ellen has been at his City House the last few days

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2 day 10/26 to 1st day 11 mo. 1 On 1st day after the 2 Quart. on the 25th inst. I called at Sarah Coffin's to inquire after Joseph Congdon who has been long rather feable in health and on the 7th inst. Completes the 26 year of his Cashiership of the Mechanic's Bank in this place — his decline has since been more rapid so that the night or two previous to my Call his friends around him thought him near his end — and at their instance for the first time he consented to have a physician Called — I did not see him but offered my services if I could be useful — and left with the impression that he might live some days or weeks longer — On 2 day morg. I went to Fall River to attend the Quarterly Meeting, and learned on my return in the Cars that of that he had died that morning — He has had my respect from his boyhood as a man of great industry intelligence and usefulness of the most uncompromising integrity and devotion to the right & the true without fear or favor or hope of Reward — The death of such a man may be considered a public Calamity for there are few to be found like him in any Community) — I attended the funeral Solemnities on 5th day at his lodgings where a Select Company of appreciating friends assembled to pay the last public tribute of respect to his worth —

On the same day I was at another very different assemblage — but very interesting viz the Golden Wedding Anniversary of our Cousin & Neighbors Jos & Sarah R Arnold. which was numerously attended by friends & relatives at home & from abroad — Our whole family Sister P. excepted were there from 12 to 2 & the young folks went again in the eve. The incidents were of an interesting and genial Character which will be long remembered with pleasure — I was at Mtg as usual and called at Sister Eleri's as I do daily except specially prevented I was also at our Son Thomas'. Wm Pim has had a bilious attack which has confined him since 5th day week to his bed I walked to see him on 6th day eve. he is better & may soon be out again. M Gifford & E Mitchell were with us on 5th day eve

2d day 11/2 to 1st day 11/8. My usual duties of business and those of the family Character have had my attention and occupied my time with my accustomed industry — I omitted to mention in the last record that I called with Ma chose H. after the 2d meet. which she attended with me and heard the exhortations of the Old friend & dear Jn. R. Davis. & of our young friend

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Rachel Howland to see our sick neighbor Alex. Gibbs — I saw him for the first time after his confinement though I have been several times at the house — He was much changed by the advance of the diagnostical symptoms which attend the organic disease of the heart — which gave an unnatural fullness to his face. and an unnatural expression — He seemed resigned to his situation, and peaceful as to his future State, on which he is soon to enter — very kind in his feelings to all and desirous that they sh. cultivate those feelings which are developed in a virtuous and religious life and gently slope the path to the grave, in the hope of blessed hereafter — On Sixth day I went with A. Robeson to see J. H. Clifford by appointment after he had considered our different views in relation to my powers and duties under the Will of my mother — My own convictions were confirmed. I regretted that S. M. Rodman was not also present — On 7th day I made a thorough change of the Oil in the lamps by refilling (the small ones) with the thin Oil racked from the top of three bls. of the blackfish Cask bo't last Spring the rest of the Oil being too thick and impure for want an opp'y to settle — in the Spring the thick Oil of the thin & the 2 bls. yet left to be used

in the large lamps under my own management. Rode with mrs Chase to bro. Benj. in the week found him sitting up in his Room, and recovering rather slowly — At M.S. to day as usual. They were small in consequence of the appearance of Rain — Called to see Sister Eliza, as is my daily habit — and Spent the day otherwise at home — The weather very mild — we had a small Company on 1st day eve. the younger members of the families of bro Hussey with their friend Miss Rhoades — Fra & Lizzie & Sarah Howland

2d. day 11/9 to 1st day 11/15th. Occupied with my usual employments, considerably in relation to my mothers Estate the business of which is retarded by the impediments to the Adm. of my brother Wm's Estate plac in the way to the usual legal adjustment — the absurdity of the existing law giving them the power to do so. Wm R Winter came here on 5th day, and I gave him every facility for understanding the condition of things touching the E. Estate — to enquire into which was the object of his coming. He left on 7th day to return via Boston. where he would see the Administrators — I was at meeting to day as usual — weather fine, assembly large, the Services of our Male & female preachers very edifying — Called at Sister Elizas. in the afternoon & at Jos. Tabers at his request at the close of the M.S. meet.S. to take a letter

which he had rec.d for me from his brother in law Isaac S Smith - relative to the Onondaga Salt Co.y &c — I was at A Robesons where I saw my Sister Elisha - She having dined there &c, as is frequent on this day of the week

2.d day 16 to 1.st day 22.d Pursued my current duties through the week - connected with my private affairs - at home and at the Co.y House and with the Estate of my mother - the Settlement of which is attended with unexpected and unpleasant obstacles — which with the financial troubles connected with the Parley mill, weigh heavily on my Spirits and continues to invest the future with great uncertainty — but the crisis which has been fatal to many concerns of hitherto unquestioned Solidity Should quite overwhelm me who have long been painfully Struggling with the embarrassments entailed upon me by the misfortunes of the late Steam mill Co.y — and the perfidy of my associates in that enterprise. I attended the opening Lecture of the Lyceum on 3.d day by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher of Brooklyn N.Y. which was marked by his Strong and Sensa

heightened by his eccentric humor — The Hall was quite full and many more tickets might have been sold if Liberty Hall had been more capacious — Mrs Chas H — with the Children were also there — As I had never seen the lecturer, who has made himself so prominent for his independence tinged with eccentricity that I was particularly gratified in being present on this occasion — I was at Mtg. to day as usual — where we had several edifying exhortations & from our accustomed preacher — I called on Sister Ellen — and at Aunt Nancy's M. Gifford & our Son Frank — their little daughter is thought to have the whooping Cough which is somewhat prevalent in this neighborhood — though the symptoms seem in her case very light — Our neighbor Alex. Gibbs still lives, but is very near his end — which will soon release him from his protracted & severe physical suffering the future Contains to look bright before him —

2d day 11m 25th to 1st day 11/29 — Our neighbor Alex Gibbs died on 2d day morng. at 4 O'clk — on 4th day his funeral Services were performed at the Church on 6th St.

conducted by the officiating Minister the Rev. Mr Craig assisted by the Rev. Mr Rice of the Episcopal Church whose ministrations during his sickness have been very acceptable to him — the interment was at the Rural Cemetery — The day was cold but the Church was well filled — On 5th day I was at the Monthly Mg of my (Friend) Society where we had the gospel taken of a friend from Maine I believe — at the business part of the Session the dividing partition was raised and Rachel Howland laid before the assembly a concern which she has felt for years to hold a few meetings in Boston — at Friends House there on several First days and perhaps in one two other points in that City — The sympathy & unity of the meeting was largely expressed and she was allowed & encouraged to go forward in the discharge of this apprehended duty — My business hours have been chiefly spent at the Cs the evening my accounts for the past 7 years — years of anxiety — which has been more intense the last 6 months — and which is likely to continue for many months to come — if not ended by a hopeless catastrophe to our unfortunate Shirley Enterprises and

its disastrous entailments — I called at Sister Elkras to day - and walked with Mrs. Chase there to on Son Franks — little May's whooping cough is progressing — but not very severely — we extend our walk to Mr. Hoare in process of building on Hawthorn Street - Saml Parsons of Flushing was here on evg. — I was at mtg to day as usual and walked to Lots on Pineham & 7th St in the intermission and I was at the Lyceum Lecture in Eve. day — We had no Conference on Thanksgiving day, thought Sister E. was asked to come with us —

2nd Day 11/30 to 1st day 12/6 My usual engagements at home and the C & House has taken my time the past week the erection of the barn on Kempton St has been the occasion of several walks to the Site. I was at the Lecture of the Rev. Mr. Chapin of New York on Lyceum Even. on the Social Forces, which was able and interesting, with more action in the delivery than good taste would justify — Our Son Franks little Mary's Whooping Cough Seems to progress favorably — her mother having also a cough which is thought to be sympathetic. I was at the Quarterly meeting on 5th day. and heard the old Friend Moses Bede with Satisfaction. Bishop Eastburn was here & our guest on 4th day

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I attended the Confirmation Services at Grace Church on the 6th by the Rev. Mr Rice was with us at Dinner and in the Ev.g before & after the Service. Called to see Sister Eliza after the Mg. meeting

2d day 7th to 1st day 13th My Engagements have been much in the usual routine. at the Cg. House. home and at the Kempton Street Lot where the barn is nearly completed the Shed arrangt. & fences now comprising the balance of the job — which I was loath to undertake, though it is 3 years since the other was burnt — but the burning of the Hay Stack and Dutch Cap by an incendiary together with the oppy. of getting Cheap materials in the old building on the Notch where induced me to undertake it at this awful Crisis in Money affairs though not without great misgivings — and fear as to the propriety of the action — I was with my family at Mr. Curtis Lecture at the Lyceum on Sir Philip Sydney as a model gentleman which was very interesting — The house as usual crowded and attentive I was at the Mid week meeting, and to day as usual at Spg. St. House — Thos & Anna called at the Close of the forenoon session and I walked with Mackerel H. to our Son Franks after the Second Little May seems Comfortable, her mothers Cough very troublesome Sister P. has a Cold that Confined her yesterday to her room Harriet Ivy came from Church with our Daughters & Staid the Ev.g

2d day 14th to 1st Day 20th. My usual engagements have had my attention the past week. among which for the last few weeks some supervision of the work of erecting the barn at the New Lot - from the old materials of the Rotch whf Building and the Shed attached to the Carpenters Shop on Sea St. the Carpenters finished 5th Day noon - and but little remains to complete the filling in required to put the Barn yard in proper condition to complete the arrangements. the frost fence and some repairs of the house somewhat lengthened the Carpenters job - The Security of the property from incendiarism in conjunction with the Cheap materials were the prominent motives which led to the undertaking at this time of financial troubles, though the accommodation has been much needed since the Other barn was burned in 1854 - On 6th Day a telegram from Fall River announced the dangerous illness of my brother in law Micah H Ruggles, with Strangulated hernia. My bro Benj & Sister Sarah drove over in the afternoon arriving early in the ev. The Surgical Operation had then been performed, but D. Miller of Providence who was summoned by D Hooper found that it had been deferred too long to admit of his recovery - he was conscious & calm and told Benj. that he was sinking fast, a feeble response to Sister Sarahs Salutation was interpreted to the effect that he did not know that there was any Cause of Sorrow - he lived till 9 Oclk the next (7th day) morng

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and then almost insensibly to those around him breathed his last. My Sister Lydia is herself very much unwell, and feeble in her best estate. So that there seems just cause to fear that She will soon follow her husband — Benj H Jarod returned last evg. — My wife & I expect to go to see her tomorrow — I was at Mg as usual in the forenoon. in the afternoon I went with mine Cheer H & daughters to hear a colored Clergyman from Monrovia Africa — who is in the States again for the purpose of raising money to build a School House &c in his Parish he represents the whole Colony as in a prosperous condition and views it as the clear indication of the Divine Blessing on the philanthropic enterprise for spreading the light of Christianity on that benighted Continent — his enunciation was imperfect but his matter & manner were remarkably good for one of his race. he appeared to be of purely African Ancestry. he had a Congregation in Providence R. I. before going to Liberia, about 13 years since. I called to See Sister Elvira today. and Benj H was here in the evg.

2d day 21st to 1st day 27th. On the 2d (2d day) I went with mine cheer H to Fall River to see my bereaved Sister by the Rail Road which obliged us to Stop near 2 hours each way at Myrick found my Sister very feeble — I was chiefly occupied at the Pocasset Mg House now vacant of its late efficient

occupant & director — making some action on my part as President necessary — I passed an hour at J. Wentall's where she has been my Sister & late brothers home since the destruction of their house / with my Sister & friends. She is Calm & Submissive under the affliction supported as She has been in her previous bereavements by her Religious Faith — On 4th day I went with our Sons and Sister Ellen in a Carriage to attend the obsequies of my late brother in law — Thomas Worcester after the Swedenborgian form. which was interesting and impressive. I saw him now for the first time though I have long known of him as the father of Benj. Worcester who married Mary Ruggles my niece and as the son of the late Noah Worcester, the pioneer after the Society of Friends in the Peace movement 45 years ago — and also as the husband of the widow of the late Wm Dean, whose 1st wife was my aunt Lydia Rotch. After following the remains to the New Cemetery. which is a Credit to the liberal Spirit of the inhabitants — we returned to the house and after Spending some time with my Sister & we set off on our return home where we arr. about dark — The funeral procession was large indicating the sensibility of the Citizens to the loss of perhaps the most distinguished of their number for Vigor of intellect and force of Character as well as the managers

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one of the largest manf. Establishments — the remainder of the week was spent in my usual cares engagements and anxieties, which now press heavily upon me arraying the future as to pecuniary matters in clouds & darkness — I was at mg to day as usual, and called at Sister Eliza's. A. Robesons and our Son Franks and C. H. Morgans partly with reference to a visit to Fall River tomorrow

2d day 28th to 1st day 1st mo 3d 1858) Went to Fall River in the Cars Sister Eliza Charles & Benj. also on 2d day The business of the Pocasset mg took my time so that I only had a few minutes with my Sister who was not much depressed in health from the time I last saw her but calm and resigned — On 4th day went to Fairhaven on business connected with my mothers Estate — on 5th day called to see Mary Robeson & who with her husband & son & one of the daughters are spending the week at their fathers since their recent return from Europe — We heard this week of the death of Aunt Eliza Rotch in London through letters rec'd from Mary Gifford from Morris — which occurred on the 4th Inst with much previous illness in her 94th year — resigned and peaceful. I spent New years day in my usual avocations — but in the eve called at Son Franks. Aunt Nancy G. Hussey & Sen & Jun Mary

Gifford & C.H. Morgans & J. Arnolds — Thus another year has passed away — and one less of these large portions of a life remain to those now living — May this truth be duly impressed on my Consciousness and incite to double diligence to improve to the utmost in the discharge of the all important duties which life in this world implies, the time which may yet be allotted me by an all wise Overruling Providence — at Mtg. on 5th day and to day as usual at Spring St. House. Saml. Taylor of Maine present to day —

2d day 1/4 to 1st day 1/10. My Cg. House duties have taken my time chiefly this week, connected with financial Cares and anxiety relating to the Shirley mill, and its embarrassments — I was at Mtg as usual on 5th day & to day. Called on Sister Eliza at the Close of the Afternoon Mtg. Gr. Hussey and C.H. Morgan called here at the Close of the 2d mtg. — read in the excellent posthumous Vol. of Sermons by the late Epes W. Peabody — which are highly interesting and instructive, indicating in the extreme the writer a high State of Christian attainment

I omitted to mention my attendance of the funeral solemnities on the death of S. Wm. Whitridge last week at the Unitarian Mtg House — and my wife & children were at those this week on the death of his grand child of the same name an infant of his Son John of a few months.

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On the 28th ult.o at 8 O'clk P.M. Charles W.m Fisher departed this life at his fathers at Wakefield. he had been in declining health for several years. and watched over most anxiously and tenderly by his family and friends — He was very important to the large business connected with the Dun cannon Iron works to which he gave his attention almost to the last, he was much & widely beloved. Thus have departed both of the promising Sons of my brother in law, of his Second marriage — a bereavement which they all feel bitterly — and none more deeply I presume, than their excellent mother, the daughter of the late Venerable Jacob Lindley of Newgarden Penn.a whose family kindly noticed me and my bro.r Benj.n when we were School boys at Enoch Lewis's in that locality — But the deep religious sentiments which have Controlled, and illustrated her character from that early period will more or less on the former bereavement, will Supply those Consolations which can come from no other source and enable her to bear up under this great trial with christian Submissiveness and resignation

Having through the kindness of our neighbor and distant Cousin the venerable Abigail Howland been favored with the perusal of the following letter from aunt Lydia Rotch, afterward Lydia Dean to her Sister Alice

an estimable young woman, who died soon after her Marriage with the late Asa Russell. I copy it here as an interesting memento of my dear Aunt, who was an exemplary religious Character from her youth, and an approved Minister of our Society. — with whom some of my earliest religious impressions are permanently associated, especially as the donor, when I was quite a child, of a copy of William Allen's "Thoughts on the importance of Religion" which made a deep impression on my mind and has had an abiding influence on my subsequent life

" New Bedford 10th mo. 23d. 1798

" I have understood dear Alice, by some of
" my near relations, that thy mind seems impressed and
" tenderly affected with the late solemn circumstance
" that has come under thy notice, and which in part thou
" hast been witness to [the death of a female Minister of
" the Society of the name of Robinson at

" I am not surprised thereat Neither am I sorry
" to hear it. But rather rejoice, that thou hast
" had an opportunity, which if improved may be of
" lasting benefit. I have no doubt but it hath raised
" a prayer in thy heart, that thou mayst die the
" death of the Righteous. If so I would have
" thee consider it a mark of the Heavenly Father's love
" to thy Soul: who would have thee become his by adop-
tion

" whose thou art by Creation: for it must be by his begetting
" as we are not able of ourselves to do that will be ac-
" ceptable to him.

" I wish therefore to encourage thee to seize the
" present opportunity of gaining a nearer acquaintance
" with him, by being often gathered into an humble
" seeking State, desiring that he may cause his Power
" so to operate in thy heart, that every thing may be removed
" which obstructs an entire dedication of heart to, and
" union with him. By thus submitting to the turn-
" ing of his holy Hand upon thee, thou will become qualified
" to walk acceptably before him, and he will strengthen
" in thee to bring forth fruit, to his Praise and thine own peace.
" For it is only by living the life of the Righteous that any
" can look forward with a comfortable hope that their end will
" be like theirs. Many there are who desire this latter ex-
" perience, but too few are willing to submit to the
" terms whereby it can alone be gained. Notwithstand-
" ing the Satisfaction of following our own will and inclination
" is not to be compared with that which arises from a steady
" perseverance in opposing and overcoming them. Numer-
" ous are the animating Prospects and consoling promises pre-
" sented for our encouragement in this daily work. One of which
" now occurs, "that we shall become more than Conquerors through
" him who hath loved us." How can we dear Cousin consent
" to remain suspended between two opinions, while so much willing-

"ness and Power is displayed for our help and furtherance in the
"way of Holiness: Surely it is not a gloomy path. None
"need fear to embrace it, because it deprives them of the
"Liberty which the natural Mind is so apt to crave, for
"though it may restrain and limit our views, it also removes
"the desire of possessing many things which keep the mind
"in a kind of bondage, and produces the precious liberty
"of enjoying every thing which a rightly subjected mind
"can desire. This is my belief of the operation of that
"pure principle we profess to be led and guided by,
"And happy would it be for many of us, if we lived con-
"sistently with such a profession. Let me therefore in
"the revival of that near regard and solicitude which
"I felt toward thee when at thy father's house, en-
"treat and encourage thee to make no reserve in thy mind,
"but freely surrender thy all to him, who hath all power
"in his hand, and will I have no doubt dignify and
"make thee a Vessel of honor, if thou art resigned to him.
"I trust thy construction of the freedom of this address
"will not be unfriendly, but that thou wilt place it to the
"account of strong desires for thy welfare, arising in the
"heart of thy sincere friend and Cousin Lydia Rotch
"who may add, they also extend to every branch of your family

2d day 1 mo. 11 to 1st day 1 mo. 17th Engaged through the
week chiefly with my various accounts at the
Ct House & at my home partially restrained in my

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movements by a Cold. On 6th day Ch. D. Bunn Dy. Sh. Served on me an execution on the judgment wh. I then first learned had been given on the Suit of W. & R. Roth at the late Court in the 11th. month. This judgment is on a note which I made in favr. of W R R in 1850, on the Settlement of my late Uncle W. Roth's Estate — He was then a Member of the St. Mill Coy — and as I was then largely in advance for W. R. R. but not doubting his honesty and that a just Settlement of our counter claims would be made when desired I did not hesitate to give the note — But Contrary to all expectation he with the other Stockholders denied their liability and by the Chicanery of their legal advisers Elliot Page & Peters and the impotency of the Law to secure justice under the current mode of its admin., on the advice of my Counsel J. H. Clifford I gave up the Suit involving a just Claim of $40000 — before doing this I endeavored to bar Roth's Claim on the note but as he refused. I unwisely withdrew from the then pending Suit which the Stockholders of the Coy. had ordered commenced for the equitable Settl. of the concerns of the Coy among the Stockholders. On the presumption confidently adopted by Mr. Clifford that a claim so inequitous as this would be under the circumstances would

never be enforced — but in this he was mistaken
A Suit having been meditated against me by Brigham
& Stone for collecting that note in the 12 mo 1855. but
dated 3 mo 31
the writ was not served till 4 mo 5 1856 returnable
4th tuesday of Apl. at Taunton
at the Court in that month [See note page 214] I
have had several Communications with the Lawyers
and I was in hope that they would not press it to judgment
— but this has now been done. which will impose on
me the necessity of publishing my exposition of the
St. Mn bulls vindication which has been about a year
prepared. but which I hoped might be suffered
to remain in the Manuscript Copy — But justice
to myself & family require that I shd. publish the
reasons which have led to my being recorded in the
Annals of the Court as a dishonest Debtor of
W. R. Rotch. I was at my office on 5th day & to day
as usual. Called to day at Sister Elvira's
and a few. with these exceptions at home. principally on acct. of my Cold which yet hangs about me
2 day 18 to 1st day 24th Engaged in my usual home and
business duties — On 5th day I saw under J Bayliss
auction Sales my 11 Shares in the Stock of the B. & L.
advertised by the Sheriff — I went to the Bank and found they
had been taken by Execution on the Judgment mentioned in my
note of last week — This determined me to publish my
narrative of the St Mn affair and I gave notice

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the Same in a short advertise. in the Mercury & Stand.
— But on full reflection I have concluded to forbear.
doing so from respect to our common ancestor whose
name he bears and his respective relatives who must be
pained by a public exhibition of this atrocious fraud
in which he & his associates have consummated by
the mercenary Dick of the lawyers — I was
at mg on 5th day as usual and on 7th day Sam
most of my time to the business of the Potch. whg
Co — At mg to day as usual. Called at Sister Eli-
Las. and Geo. Harvey Sen. & Jun. & on Thomas & son Frank's
— Read in the Memoirs of the late Noah Worcester one
of the original seceders from the Unitarian doctrine
from his own Scriptural researches — without being led
by those who had earlier caused the dogma, with
whose writings he had not made himself acquainted
as the prejudices of his education had withheld his
Sympathy from them — he was a man of a most Catho-
lic & Christian Spirit. Conducted the Christian disciple
for 13 years and devoted his later years to dispel the
lamentable delusion which pervades Christendom on
the Subject of War — His "Solemn Review" pub-
lished about the Close of the late War with England
his first publication which had an immense Circulation
in this Country & in Europe — led to the formation of the
Am. Peace Society of which he was the organ — and

Editor of the "Friend of Peace" for many years and
till the infirmities of age obliged him to lessen his labors
late in the evg. made some preparation for leaving home to
attend the Pocasset Mtg. at Fall River tomorrow.
2d day 1st mo 25 to 1st day 1/31 On 2d day I went in the
Cars to Fall River to attend the ann'l Mtg of the
Pocasset Many's Co'y — The choice of a new Treas-
urer to fill the Vacancy caused by the death of
N. H. Ruggles. The choice I do not think was
a judicious one — it fell upon the Superin-
tendant Stephen Davol — an excellent man
in the latter Capacity but not fitted by
Education & training to discharge in ad-
dition the duties of the Treasurer. We
had on that evg. our Son Tho's wife with them
guest Miss Coburn - and Frank & Lizzie
and Wm. C. Rodman at tea — Any time was
given to the various Claims of business which
devolve upon me. On 3d day I made a Call with
C. H. Morgan on Wm Stephen Smith, who came
to see if an adjustment of our conflicting views
viz those of the Exec's of S. S. & my Fathers heirs touching
the construction of the original agreement among
the associates of the Onondaga Salt Comp'y. — Quite upon
the legal decision which One of the Executors Isaac
S Smith is bent upon enforcing at any cost

of time or money. instead of an amicable reference. which I have been trying for from the first — Mr S. would prefer this course but her brother in law cannot be diverted from his course by his Co-executors — The Company is very much embarrassed — so that the whole stock is in danger of passing wholly out of the hands of the present Stockholders which makes the measures which he insists on the more indefensible — We were not sufficiently enlightened as to the prospects of the Coy. to make her a definite offer of Sale of our interest in the Coy which she desired at a very low rate — that she might see if she could induce some of her personal friend to aid her in the purchase & thus end the Controversy — I made a memo. Called at Jos Taber on 6th. day to inform him of our conclusion — At mtg. to day as usual and in the evg. went with our daughters to the mtg. at the N. Christian Church to hear the Report of the City Missionary and the ladies treat Society which was quite interesting, and the attendance large but the Contributions meagre, for the important objects Called to see Sister Eliza Val C Thorgans to learn if they had rec'd. the particulars of the awful accident by which our niece Anna Rodmans Son Edw'd. was so badly burned by his night gown taking fire by his attempt to

removed the blower from the grate on 5th day 2nd mo
that he died that eve — They had not received any letter
2 day 2nd mo. 1 to 1st day 2/6 — The mg.s of the Phil. C. M. & I. Co
held at our house on 2d day eve — and on 7th day the
Ann'l mg. of the Rotch Wharf Co — The business
relating to which has tasked me pretty severely — The
unpromising condition of the Collier Co. gives great anx-
iety and deeply shades the future — G. Hussey N.G. Smith
and T.C. Allen, were at the first meeting and Wm. F.
Rotch & E.L. Baker at the 2d — The Cost of the repairs
of the N. Pier of the wharf amounts to about three times
E.G. Brown's Estimate. At meeting with Macy
& Sue & Ellen at the Union meeting at Mr. Craig's Church
on 5th day eve — at which many Communications were
made by Speakers of both Sexes — indicating much
religious Concern & fervor — I was at Friend's mg
as usual on 5th day & to day — Called at Sister Eliza's
and at A. Robeson's, Sister Emily was below Stairs, but
her lungs continue to be a good deal affected. She took
Cold on her return from Penn.a and but narrowly es-
caped Lung fever.

2d day 2d mo. 8 to 1st day 14 The books & Records of the Companies
for whom I act as Treas. took a couple of days of the past
week, and to my ordinary duties & occupations was given the
remainder — I was at mg. on 5th day & to day at the Sp.g
St. house, and called at Sister Elis.a & Aunt Nancy's at the
close of the morning meeting to day — George Hussey was

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here when I returned home. — Ma Chere H was quite unwell last night so as to be confined to her room to day — so that Dr. Abbe was called to advise. he thinks it a severe attack of indigestion — S. Rodman Morgan & wife arrived this week from Penna. to visit their parents and see Geo & Bessie in their new home — In addition to my usual reading — read in my wife's Chamber part of Lord Teignmouths excellent letter to his Son on his Sailing for India — and in the evg. in Perrin's hist. of the Waldenses — The effects of the financial Crisis. in connection with the losses entailed by the agents impudence cast a heavy shade over the Shirley Prospects, and makes me view the future of the Phx. Coy. with fearful apprehension — May the blessing of a kind Providence avert the catastrophe which now threatens us —

2d. day 15 to 1st. day 21 Occupied with my usual cares & duties, at home & at the Office — on 5th. day in my walk to the Store I dropped & lost a parcel of papers & Accounts which were rather important to me though enclosed in a large unsealed envelope with my address on the outside — This loss interrupted my proposed occupations and in the hope that they would soon be returned to me I applied myself for a day or two chiefly in re-writing from a press copy

my narrative of the St. Louis repudiation – the original of which has mysteriously eluded my search for the past month. The condition of the Onondaga Salt Co. in which my father's heirs are interested adds to the anxieties of the business in which I am more deeply and personally interested – brother Edmund arrived here on 6th day morg. and S. Rodman & Josephine Morgan left here in the afternoon on their return home – the latter encounter a Snow Storm, but a telegram on 7th day morg. announced their safe arrival in Newyork greatly to the relief of their friends. I was at meeting to day as usual with bro. Edmund with whom I called at the Close of P. M. on our Son Thomas' & Franks' – as the latter house he remained to tea &c. Thomas has a cold which requires care as to exposure. Anna was also troubled with tooth ache so that we did not see her Julia was very well and active

2d day 22d to 1st day 28th Engaged as usual with my duties & Cares – The news of the loss of the fine Clipper Ship John Milton on Montauk Point Long Island on 7th day morg of last week has cast a gloom over our Community. All the hands were lost. E. M. Robinson the principal owner and Manager. My missing papers were brot to me

on 4th day by a colored man named Carter, who it appears must have found them within a few minutes of them being dropped — He plead ignorance of reading for his delay in finding the owner. But this will not explain his keeping them from me for a week. as he could have had the address read by the 1st person probably whom he met — I was glad to recover them & save him 25¢ for his protracted care & final return of them. Frank and Lizzie dined with us on 5th day with their Uncle Edm.d and on that day I made a call on E.M. Robinson by previous arrangement in relation to our Shirley embarrassments; he took my proposition into consideration with his usual & repeated kindness towards me & my family — I had an interview with A. Roberts relative to the Settlt of mothers Estate on a slightly modified basis from his & his Son Wms proposition at the instance of the reported Conclusion of the Wakefield heirs — He did not entertain the proposition — but I hope that he may if so advised by Wm to whom I wrote on the Subject — At mg to day as usual called at Sister Ellis's — heard yesterday from E.M.R. assenting to my proposition on certain conditions. Connected with his my bro.r Chas & Benj.n — Saw them and they will give their decision to morrow Thomas & Anna, Called about tea time & Hattie to tea and the Eve.g — I went with Thy Son Ed to the Annl mtg of the N.B. Port Society of w.h he is a manager he wrote the Report

the Rev. Jn Girdwood gave the address — The audience was large and the occasion interesting — Ellen contined all the week to the house with a Cold.

2d day 1 to 1st day 7 My engagements have been much in the usual routine at home, at the Office &c Our niece Mrs Geo Hussey Jr had another Son — and our friends S. Griffith & Caroline Morgans Son Thomas died of Measles on 6th day — 16 years old, a lad of great purity & gentleness and remarkable for his filial affection and amiable character — ma chere H & I called at their house to day, but did not see the parents. My wife had a call from Eliz King, who many years since lived in our family, this week desiring Council & aid to enable her & her only Child a Daughter of 19 to go to her husband who has been 9 years in California he left a house & lot unencumbered but he has not been successful in his Gold Seeking while his health has become impaired — I called on my Cousin S R Arnold on 7th day Eve hoping that she might be willing to advance the money required for their removal on mortgage but the effort was unsuccessful — I found there Geo. B & Mary Emlen who came the day before as usual to day as usual called on Sister Eliza & with ma chere H. at our Son Thomas' and Aunt Nancy's this latter is quite feeble.

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2d day 8th to 1st day 14th — On 2d day we attended the obsequies of Thomas W. Morgan at his fathers house on 6th Street & followed the remains to the Rural Cemetery. the Services were remarks on the lads Character by Prentis Allen his Instructor who Showed him to have been remarkably correct filial and almost faultless in his Several relations, of unsullied purity of Morals and very remarkably faithful to his duties - he was followed by Mr Wells in an earnest and consoling prayer. The young man died of Measles - He was nearly ready for college but his modest amiable & thinking nature, gave his parents some misgivings lest his sensitive & Self depreciating nature should find a college life too uncongenial in some of its unavoidable Concomitants for his happiness if not for Scholarship with his Character & habits - He has been Shared the trial in the wisdom & love of Omnipotence. Our Son Thos. is quite unwell for the last few days. and Julia Annie and their Maria also more or less Seriously I have been there and others of the family more or less for the last 3 days - all of them are improving - I called to day at our Cousin Lydia Russells. her Son Charles being much more ill than for the many years last past. with an aggravation of his hip disease which so Sadly afflicted him for perhaps 15 or 20 years. I called also at Sister Elvinas. And. Robesons M. Gifford & aunt Nancy's found them out at And. & therefore could not learn the particulars of the Sudden death of Matthew Rodman on 4th day last. I call at

Meeting as usual – both were small – a young and gaily dressed woman made an exhortation, and a man unknown to me recited a Passage of Scripture. both were probably subjects of the deep and earnest Spiritual excitement which now widely pervades our Place & Country. – Read chiefly in "Barclay's Apology"

2d day 15 to 1.11 Day 21 Occupied with my usual duties and Cares – On 3d day eve. we all were at the Closing Lyceum Lecture by Rufus Choate on the Characters of Washington Hamilton Jefferson & Burr. I was too remote to hear distinctly, as I found the house fully packed when I got there, it was an eloquent and interesting and discriminating analysis of the characteristics of those prominent individuals of the Revolutionary & subsequent periods of Our History. Men three of undoubted Patriotism though of different grades of Character & about the Selfish and ambitious aspirant wholly deficient of the former virtues – Our Son Thomas is better of his Colic. but our 8th Child Mary has been quite unwell, but is now better. W.R Robeson was here on 6th day when to my surprise he had not been consulted by his associate S.W.R. in regard to the arrangement which I had supposed was to terminate the delay in the Settlement of Mother's Estate. So that the work preliminary

347 will have to be revised and re adjusted — This shows a Strange neglect — on the part of both for my letters were addressed to the three Adm^rs but it seems that but one & one the matter attended to and he but very inadequately, whose duty it was to know that what he wrote had the approval of his colleagues — The Several religious interest continues without apparent abatement. by daily meetings at Several of the Churches & a weekly re-assemblage — Sister E. was with us on 4^th. day She attended Several with Sales & Satisfaction — I was at my. at my own place on 5^th. day & to day — Called on Sister E — & the weather being rainy was with this exception at home occupied with appropriate reading &c — An interesting letter from our old School mate Joshua Hoopes of New Garden addressed to my br^r Benj^n recalled the persons & incidents of that now remote period — Joshua though now 70 retains the Same good natured humor which was conspicuous at 20 — he has retired after 48 years of School keeping to a life of Leisure at West Chester where he Spent the last 24 years in his Vocation — a large proportion of our School mates have finished their probation — His letter was a Source of amusement to the family —

2^d. day 22^d to 1^st. day 28 My time has been given to my usual business and Cares at home, at the Cg House &c with my private & family affairs the concerns of the Estates of which I am Executor &c On 4^th. day was the 66^th. anniversary

of my birth — thus the Calender has fairly placed me on the list of Old Men. though through the mercies of a kind Superintending Providence I have been exempt from the more painful Symptoms of my advanced Stage of life. my Sight requires the aid of more Convex Glasses and my hearing is more imperfect — the left Ear has been but little useful for 15 or 16 years — But I perceive little decline of my physical or mental vigor. none of the efforts which require Constant industry and which I feel no tendency to relax, seem more exhausting than in former years. Still there is no doubt that life is on the ebb — and may this unquestionable fact Stimulate me to make the most, and the best, of the time and Strength which may be graciously allotted to me. in the discharge of my various duties in all their bearings ramifications and aspects, under the guidance of that wisdom which is from above first pure then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated full of mercy & good fruits. I was at the Monthly Mg on 5th day. in which the discussions were not so suggestive of vitality & progress in the important & the highest law of Christian Love to God and Man, as could be wished at this time of general & wide Spread awakening to the great interest of the Soul and of futurity. At Mg today as usual called at Sister Elmas and at Aunt Nancy's, and made

a call of Condolence with ma chere H. at S.G. Morgan's — and afterward at our Son Thomas's — they were with us at tea in the week. The Colds which have oppressed them & particularly Thomas. passing off. Perusing this day beside the Prayer Book in the morng. has been chiefly by Miss Brewsters very valuable little work. Sunbeams in a Cottage. Called at my Cousin Lydia Russell's to enquire her poor invalid Son. — He is somewhat relieved from his intense suffering from his diseased limb but I fear not very materially better — His case hardly admits hope of his recovery so far as to enable him to practice the Law. which his filial feelings have impelled him to study with the hope of contributing to the support of his mother and Sisters.

2 day 28th. to 5th. day 1/3 My ordinary engagements have taken most of my time I was at the 2nd. Mtg. of Friends on 5th. day, which was large, and as interesting as usual. The communications of Chr. C. Hussey in prayer in the M.S. for Worship and in exhortation in the business meeting were very edifying — He called on me the day previous with a message from my Cousin Nath.l Bonny, who I am glad to learn has enjoyed better health of late than for several previous years. I had not heard of C. C. H. before. but I think he will be widely known hereafter

among friends — The Religious interest now pervading our place & Country continues unabated. And among the subjects thereof I am pleased to be able to mention our Son Edmund. who this day was publicly introduced by the rite of baptism into the Episcopal Church — with a number of others including a daughter of Capt. Cornelius Howland. — The day was further marked & made memorable in our family by the birth of our Son Thomas second child a daughter — his wife was so comfortable as not to oblige his mother or any of the family to absent themselves from the Ceremony which I trust may with him mark a era of the higher Spiritual life to which all are called who have the privilege of living in this age of Christian civilization. I called on Sister Elvira between meetings — I was at my own mg. (Spring St.) in the afternoon and had the pleasure of greeting my Pd Jas B. Congdon who returned last 4th from Providence with restored health — gave the Evg to Barclays able work, which I am reading with much satisfaction. it places the fundamental principles of the Society on an impregnable foundation — But so unfaithful have been the followers of the noble pioneers of Quakerism. that the Society have not as a body much less influence than formerly in the World.

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2d day 4/4 to 1st day 4/18 These two weeks have passed without any very Special events Thos. wife & Child have been unusually favored, both having Gained very Satisfactorily — Isaac Annie on the 11th. & to day in her Chair the Child Josephine thriving nicely — My usual occupations took my time till 4th day Morg the 14th when I left for Shirley — Stopped at Waltham to See my Sister (via Watertown) a couple of hours on the way — Geo. Hussey T. C. Allen & J. T. Lincoln, the latter an engineer & man. from Fall River, of the Shirley Party — to examine the Mill & come to a more Satisfactory understanding with the Lessees of the Mill. Two intelligent house wrights & Master builders were called to unite with Mr Lincoln with Survey & report respecting the buildgs. as adapted to our business but I am Sorry to Say that the report was unfavorable and that no result was arrived at with the Shakers I left Shirley 7th day noon and arr. via Fairhaven at 6 P.M. Pelt findg. all favored with health as when I left home except Sister P. who was more oppressed with a cold — I was at mg to day as usual, at Spring St. House — & Called at Sister E's & Son. Frankes beside my Call before mentioned at Thomas. I found my Sister Lydia well (for her) at her daughter's where She is cheered by the latter & her husband and their interesting groupe of 5 lovely Children. Alice Eliz. James

2d day 4/20 to 1st Day 4/25 The usual routine of home Office & Executorship duties has taken my time & care — leaving nothing very Specially to be remarked — made calls at Thos. Frank's & Sister Elisa's to day and Over at Meeting as usual on 5th Day to day. Our Dr. Anna improving but with a check for a day or two She was in her Chair again when I called. — I also Called at C. M. Morgan's. to Benj.r Spent part of the Ev.g. here 2d day 26 to 1st day 5/2 On 3d day Walked to Benj.r after an early breakfast to go with him in his buggy to Fall River to attend the 2nd Y. M. G. of the Portsmouth M. G. Coy. and to make some enquiries with reference to an expected Conference with the Shirley Shakers relative to our pending differences there was quite a fall of Snow the previous night. The M. G. at Fall River passed Satisfactorily and Returned in the Cars as Benj.r had to remain to attend the Troy 2nd M. G. the next day. In the M. G. met the deputation from Shirley Consist.g of Caleb M. Dyer of the Enfield family, Thomas Holden and Israel Longley. the latter is not of their Communion and Came by the Solicitation of the Lessors of the Mill — as did C. M. Dyer as mediators — both being also favorably known to the members of the Phoenix Co.y. the meeting was at Geo Harvey the Resident's house and was Chiefly Spent in general conversation on the Points of difference and closed with an agreement to meet again the next day. The meeting took place

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at Geo. Hussey's Office. Alg. Hull having come with the others from Shirley — after spending most of the day in two sessions an agreement by the aid & advice of the disinterested parties was made and reduced to writing as the basis of a new lease to supersede that before made & attempted to be modified. which agreement is to be made the basis of a new draught by a lawyer preparatory to its Signature by the parties — in the hope that it will prevent hereafter the difficulties which have heretofore so thickly beset the path of the Coy, and lead to a more successful prosecution of their business. Called after the Mg Meeting to day at our Son Thomas'. the nurse reported the inmates of the nursery comfortable but not ready for visitors. Called also at Sister Elias. and at Franks after the second meeting. read in Barclay & part of Huntingdons late Sermon on the prevailing religious interest. The 1st Spring St began at 4 Pm This Fair for the benefit of the Ladies branch of the Port Soc'y. the last of the week was an occasion of very general interest — The large hall on 11th St was thronged with Visitants and sometimes uncomfortably so. The pecuniary results are very Satisfactory. Quite enough to clear off the debt on the Seamen's home. and thus to prepare for another experiment whether the Ship owners will so far consult their own interest pecuniarily as well as morally, as to sustain an Institu

tion which is so important to the moral elevation of the Sea Going Class of the place, & in unison with other Similar establishments, and the Country - and at the Same time Maintain a just respect for the Wisdom & benevolence of this Community. So Largely dependent for its Wealth & prosperity on the toils & hazards of the Sailor 2.d day 3 to 1.st day 9.th - My business Cares have been unusually absorbing the past week, Chiefly arising from the pecuniary embarrassments which Surround me individually & as the Head of the Pl.t C. M. Co - but have been thus far favored to move on - But an anxious period is before me Still - to task my energies as in former years when the Mass of my Property was swept away by the misfortunes of the late St.t Mill Co and the frauds of my then associates. But I must work and trust that an overruling Providence may so guide & succor as that those dependent on me may not be brot to a positive want of the Comforts & conveniences of life. in the great reverses which have so Changed their reasonable expectations - Frank & Eliz.a were with us to dine on 5.th day. and H. Hart giving her handy work for Sisters & the family beneath on 6.th & 7.th. C.H. Morgan, his two Sons in law & Wm.s wife & several of their Children left for Penn.a this week

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And Aunt Emily Roberson returned from their visit in the same State — I called to day at Thomas' Sister Elizas Mary Gifford & Aunt Nancy's. at Mgs as usual — looked over some of the wants of the week which my engagements had not permitted me to do before and read in Barclay & a little book which I bought at the Fair "Words of Jesus"

2 day 10th. to 1st. day 16th. Engaged by my usual cares and duties through the week. had one of the buildings at the West lot removed about 15 ft. — for convenience & safety in case of fire — and availed of the opportunity to raise one side of one of my work buildings which had settled from decay of the wooden posts on which it rested — at Mg on 5th. day — Bishop Eastburn came on his Parochial visit on 7th. day P.M. and in consequence I went with my family to the Episcopal Church through the day — the Sabbath School in the afternoon in the E.C. the rite of Confirmation was administered by the bishop to 11 Candidates including our dear Edmund & Ellen — the House was crowded to overflowing on the occasion and the Services very impressive I may say. May they be blessed to all who participated in and witnessed them — the Rev. Mr. Rice was with us on both P.M.s & at tea on 7th. day I called at Sister Elizas. Jam 7 Prayers & by the Bishop

2d day 17 to 1st 23d — The bes hop left us on 2d day afternoon for Fall River. My time has been given to the Cares & duties of my position as Treas of the Ph & C. M. S. Coy. I made a revision of the draft of a Lease prepard by the Lessor of the Mill to put our relations on a more satisfactory footing — and with the approval of the other Stockholders have returned that rec with the record Copy to Shirley — and sent Aly Snell press Copies of the new Draft & of my letter to the Shirleys. I was at the preparative Meeting and for the first time in my life I believe appointed representative to the M Meeting — an appointment not desired, & perhaps unjudicious, as I dissent from Friends as to observance of the habit of Speech & dress prevalent with the Society in the 17th Century attended M.M. to day at Spring Street and also in the afternoon at the 5th St. House — Max Eppendorf who is to be married tomorrow to Sarah Howland and leave for a home in the far West was here to take leave to day — Sarah is a particular friend of our dear Susan and as such we have been led an unusual interest in him, who appears a man of education good principles & amiable disposition

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I called to see Sister Eliza and in the ev'g at Sister Sarahs - I omitted to mention that on 2d day we took tea at Geo. Harveys, where we met Thos Holden who brot the Draft of the new lease for the consideration of the Stockholders of the Pk. Co. - and the next morn'g a conference was had with him on the subject at Geo. Harveys Office -

2d day 24th to 1st day 30th Occupied with my home duties in their various departments - at the Office house &c - On 5th day I was at the monthly mtg and officiated as representative of the preparative mtg - On 6th day Eve'g our fam'y were invited to bro. Benj. M's to tea - where I walked from the Office the others riding with Mr Brown north whom I returned - at night to day as usual at Spring Street - at the close of the first called at Sister Eliza's and after tea at Thomas & Frank Eliz.th who has been quite unwell since the marriage of her cousin Sarah on 2d day is much better and has rode & walked out - Our Son Edw.d went to Mr Adlet's this week to attend the Ordination of his friend Walter Mitchell & returned 7th day in the former preached here to day, with ability & acceptance as reported by the members of our family all of whom except myself were present. Martha & Mary Russell were with us on last eve'g - as was Edw.d Allen for a short time, to whom I showed my Meteorological instruments and arrangements - he having formerly kept notes of the weather at Albany N.Y.

2 day 5/31 to 1st day Jun 73d. I have remained at home these two weeks occupied with my daily duties in my several relations to my own business & family and my parents here. On first day of last week I went to the Episcopal Church to hear Walter Mitchell the intimate friend & Companion of our Children in Childhood who was made a Deacon at the Berkley Theological School in Middletown — his Sermons were very good for a novice and give promise of usefulness in his Sacred Calling. he & his wife were with us at tea with Mr. Athmead in the preceding week. I called on Mary Gifford, and at Charles morgans. he having arrived on that day from his Penna visit — in last week our family met Geo Hussey & families at C. M. Morgans — Sister Eliza was with us at tea once or each week. I was at our Mtg S. Mtg. the 5th S. Mtg. to day and this aft. at the Episcopal, and heard our young friend Walter again called at the Close of the Mtg. Mtg at F. A Lyceris and saw Mary Underhill who arr. last week with his wife from Newyork — Wm Chere H Self called at Thomas' after tea — and I was at Sister Elizas. The business growing out of the repudiating tendencies of my bro. Wm's adm. has had my Chief attention this week at my house top office

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2 day 6/14 to 1st day 6/20 The business of my mothers Estate had my Chief attention the first half of the week On 4th day I went to Boston to meet the Admr. of my bro. Wm. Est whom I saw at Edw. Motley's. and the matters at issue were arranged in a manner which I trust will prove satisfactory — On 5th day we had Bro. & Anna with little Julia & the baby to dine — a Call from D. Johnson of St Louis Mo. & his niece Mr. Nye. also from Cousin Anna Rotch and her Son Frank — Otherwise my time was given to my current duties at home at the Office &c D. Johnsons Call detained me from my proposed attendance at the monthly Mg — At Sp. S. St to day Charles Coffin of Maine preached & preached — He was at the Bethel Chapel at 3 — which caused the postponement of the Pell. Mg. at Spring St. till 5. O Clk. Went to the 5th St. Mg at 3 — and called at Aunt Nancy Rotch's at it's Close. Walter Mitchell & wife & mother were with us at tea on 6th day. We learned to day from Capt Seabury (Humphrey) just returned from France that our friend Jeremiah Winslow had a fit of apoplexy Shortly before he left. from which it was thought he would not recover — his relations of friendship and business with our family reach back to my boyhood and have been of a very agreeable & satisfactory nature

2d day 2 hrs 1 day 27 Occupied with my ordinary Cares and duties &c. at home at the Mg. House & At the Months meeting on 5th day which was at- -tended by Olney Thompson of Iowa and Jordon of Western Newyork both of whom Spoke acceptably in each Session of the Meeting on 7th day Eve I took tea at Sister Sarahs in a chare H & Sister Phebe were both unable to attend the Invitation on acct of their health and the weather. the latter being a little Showery. My wifes Cold is better than in the early part of the week but it now has the form of Severe paroxisms of Coughing Called at Bl Morgans before Mg & again in the evg. I was also at Sister Elwins & our Son Thomas"-

2d day 28th 1st day Jan'y 4 — On 2d day morng I went to Boston to see the Admr. of my brothers Estate relative to a misunderstanding, which it proved had not be Cleared up at the former visit — My brother Benj" was with me in the Cars — he going on business of his own. I stopped at S W P's at Jamaica Plain and had an interview with him at his house, and saw his wife & daughter Anna — I took the Dedham train to Boston and called at E. Whitney's. went with him to W. R. Robeson's Office where we had a long conversation. From all which it appeared that the point which was by a fair inference yielded, by their admissions at

at the Close of our former conference, was not intended by them to be so yielded — The Ground taken by them admits of support with some plausibility from the very loose manner in which my brother kept his books. though I think with less force than the other conclusion — perhaps a reference may settle the point and to this, at their Suggestion I have called the attention of the other heirs — I returned the same day — and devoted my time through the rest of the week to my usual Cases & duties, including the unpleasant one of the latter Class, of initiating measures for ejecting the poor & ill Several instances the depraved tenants, as they passess for a long period do holding against my persuasive endeavors the possession of the premises — attended meeting as usual to day at Spring Street the English female friends who have been Since 1856 on a Gospel mission to friends in this Country arrived in town (at Matthew Howland's) on 6th day — but Priscilla Gray has been & now is ill So that they with Rachel were detained from Meeting — I called at Sister Elias's and my Son Thomas & at Aunt Nancy's. My wife still remains mostly confined by her inveterate Cold. which is now in the 3d week of its continuance — attended with cough & Stricture of the lungs which gives us some anxiety.

2d. day 7m. 5th to 1st. day 7m. 11 — The 4th falling on first day the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence was held on the 5th — and in this place with much less toil, expense & annoyance than usual no appropriation having been made for burning gunpowder as in former years — The boys however as usual indulged in the explosive force of Chinese Crackers — Religious Union Meetings were held 4 times & several other denominational, in the day & among the latter was one at Friends House on Spring St. appointed by Eli Jones of Maine — All I believe were well attended — the two which I was at were very interesting — Wm. St. Union & the Friends — A much more rational & profitable way of expressing thankfulness for our blessings, than those which have generally been practiced — I was at Matthew Howland's on 3d day eve. to enquire after Priscilla Grene the English travelling Minister, now about two years within this Country. She has been quite ill since her arrival here on 6th of 5th mo. but is now slowly recovering I saw her Companion Mary Nicholson — Mercy H was not able from the Contin. of her Cold to join me in the Call — I made with her on 6th & 7th days to give her son air & Exercise. which she found useful and exhilarating in the rural sights & Scenery of this glowing Season — On 6th day eve. we had Mary & Anna Bowne with their Cousins the Hussey's and our own children & Sister Eliza took tea with us the next eve. — I have been partly engaged in measures to effect the trespassing occupants of my mothers house on W. & Water St. at length to day as Sh. S. H. Hicks called on Elias & K. at Aunt Nancy's Sister Sarah called with us. Children on their 5th year in

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2d day 7th mo 12 to 1st day 7/18 I have been at home occupied with my usual engagement through the week We had a call from Edward Ruggles & his wife on 5th day eve. — they live in Newyork and were on their way to see their relations in Rochester. — the Dr. is quite an amateur Painter though he has the fancy of destroying most of Pictures when finished though they have sufficient merit to ensure respectable prices if he would put them into the market Mr Gyani the Italian Exile & Lecturer who has given several courses of Parlor lectures in this place heretofore called one eve other week and I found him as others have a very interesting man. — Called to day after service hours to see Sister Eliza — and also at Fred. Robesons to see his Son Jonathan who is from Penn. a week before last He is very infirm. unable to walk much — from the debility which he has experienced the past year, this visit was hardly anticipated — But the cooler atmosphere of our locality makes a pleasant change while he is able to bear the fatigue of the journey from the Summer heat of his home. Ma chere H is nearly well of her colic — and but for the rain of to day would probably have been to Church to day. — I took a little walk on Dartmouth Street about Sunset and called to see Frank & Lizzie on my return Our Daughter in Law Annie with the pets are on a visit at Rockland — I called at their house on an errand but found no one there. & Stopped on my return at our Neighbor Rebecca Thornton who has lately returned from a visit to her daughter in Phil I saw her blind daughter Sarah Ann — & her Son in law Mr Hoskins to whom my call was more particularly attended

2d day 19 to 8th day Dec. 15 Of the last 4 weeks circumstances have prevented my continuing my weekly notes — of the 1st week I remember nothing unusual to note except attending the funeral procession with the mortal remains of Emma Russell the daughter of Abraham who died very suddenly at her uncle's in Norwich in that week — The more lengthened funeral services had been performed at Norwich just previous to the departure of the Cars — so that only those common to the Episcopal Forms took place at the Grave in the Rural Cemetery. She had long been afflicted with the disease of which she died, supposed to be asthma, but which proved to be an organic disease of the heart

The sympathy of her numerous friends was attested by an unusually long funeral procession — The weather had been rainy but during the time occupied it was more favorable and on getting to the Ground the Sun shone out warm & bright which much enhanced the satisfaction of the occasion — She was about 24 very amiable devoted to duty & consequently much loved and lamented — On 2d day the 26 I went to Fall River to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Pearce Co. going in the Cars & returning with bro Benjamin in his buggy — The next morning I went to Boston & thence to Chicopee where I remained busily occupied with my duties as Treasurer till 6th day of the following week. I had lodgings with H. A. Water at his pleasant home on the South side of the Stream. He having left the charge of the Inn where I have before stayed with himself

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his predecessor — I found the situation quite as agreeable as the other though the walk through the woods & meadows in rainy weather which predominated on this visit made the walk to & fro. generally a wet one for the feet & pants — but being guarded with thick boots no danger to health was incurred — On the 1st day which I spent there I attended the Universalist Meeting, very near my lodgings and heard two good discourses & prayers from their litany — I passed the rest of the day in looking over some volumes of the Rose of Sharon which I borrowed from Mrs Edgarton the mother of Miss E & Mrs Mayo the editress. a young woman of extraordinary talents & Virtues whom I have before noticed in connection with my early visits to the place

I left Shirley on 6th day a.m. and stopped for the night at my niece Mary Worcesters to see her mother who has been with her at Waltham most of the time since the other Mr Cabi's death. I found my sister in good health for her — also her children & Grand children five in number very lovely Children — The house built by Mr Cabi for his daughter is a noble one in which he studied the comfort & convenience of the family with special provision for the recreation & happiness of the juvenile members Benj. Worcester a worthy grandson of the venerable & honored founder of the Peace Society — with his wife gave me a very cordial reception, and made my visit a very pleasant one left them at 9 the next day stopped a short time in Boston to take the 11 AM train for Taunton where I spent the interval between the arrival & the departure of the cars in the Probate Office and at the exhibition of the Panorama of Dr Kane's arctic explorations &c and then left for home which I reached about 4 & found all well — the past week has been devoted to long accumulated duties in their several relations except attending the funeral services at Asa Nye's who died of a disease of the heart &